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**The Easter Concert**

Our Easter Concert was held on Sunday, April 4. As usual the Chapel was very prettily decorated. In the front of the room there was a pergola under which were lilies, pinks and many other plants and flowers arranged so that they would look as if they were growing. In the center of this was a fountain which had water bubbling up in it. On the top of the pergola there was twisted lavender paper running from one side to the other and from the posts hung wistaria.

Along the side also were vines and wistaria woven into the lattice work. In addition to the regular spring chickens and our canary, we had two parrots and two rabbits. On both sides of the garden were seats for the choir boys who were dressed in robes, and behind the fountain was the piano. The choir began the concert by singing Hosannahs. The programme was as follows:

SONG	Sing Hosannah	CHOIR	
RESPONSIVE READING		LEADER, ALFRED A. PICKELS	
INVOCATION	MR. VINNE		
SONG	Welcome The Easter Morning	CHOIR	
READING	The First Easter	CYRUS W. DURGIN	
EXERCISE	At Easter Time	GEORGE A. ADAMS, ERNEST J. OLSON	
SONG			RECITATION
			Let The Glad Bells Ring
			CHOIR
RECITATION		KENNETH E. KEARNS	Message of Easter
SONG			Alleluia
EXERCISE		CHARLES N. ROBBINS	CHOIR
SONG		JOHN M. LEVIS, PAUL F. REID	Song of Easter
		ALBERT A. PETERSON	
SONG		SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD, PAUD F. REID,	O Hallowed Cross
EXERCISE		FRANK E. MAXCY, GEORGE E. THOMPSON	An Easter Carol
SONG			
		CHARLES N. ROBBINS	Hail Bright Day
EXERCISE		DESMOND ANDERSON, ERIC O. SCHIPPERS,	CHOIR
		RALPH H SWENSON, HAROLD B. BUCHAN	
SONG		ALBERT A. PETERSON, SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD	An Easter Song
RECITATION		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	Easter Memories
DIALOGUE			THEODORE B. HADLEY
SONG			The Gardens
EXERCISE		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	
SONG		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	Palm Branches
SONG		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	Mary
		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	
EXERCISE		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	
SONG		JOHN H. SCHIPPERS	
RECITATION			Glad Bells of Easter Ringing
			CHOIR
RECITATION			The Message of Victory

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD	
EXERCISE	Easter Week
HENRY P. CLIFFORD, BARTON N. SLADE	
SONG	Golden Gates of Glory
CHOIR	
RECITATION	Christ Is Risen To-day
ALBERT A. PETERSON	
SONG	The King of All
CHOIR	
REMARKS	
MR. BRADLEY	
JAMES A. CARSON.	

### **A Trip in the "Mary Chilton"**

Saturday noon, April 10, most of the boys in the boat crew went to the Wharf to put the "Mary Chilton" in the water for the first time this year.

First two rollers were put under her and we kept her on even keel and pushed her along. As fast as she went over one roller, two boys would pick it up and bring it up in front of her so that she would be on rollers all the time. We kept changing around till she reached the water. We then gave a big push and all jumped in the boat. If any one was slow he was left out. After we washed it out the people came down who were going to the city. After every one was aboard we set off, nine boys rowing, with an instructor in charge. After we reached the Point the people landed, and we began our return trip. After pulling on oar for about fifteen minutes we soon reached our Wharf. After we reached home some boys went to the house and a new crew came down to go over later.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

### **A Trip Around the Beach**

During a vacation afternoon another boy and myself were given permission to go around South End. We started down Willow Road and around by the site of David Thompson's cabin, around by the Telephone Booth and Cemetery to the Incinerator and from the Incinerator around

to the Old Barn. We then went up to the house. We enjoyed the trip very much.

BERNARD R. MORRILL.

### **Plastering a Room**

One of the instructors' rooms in the Main Building needed plastering. As I am learning that work, I was told to prepare for the mason. I was assisted by another boy.

We first took all of the old plaster from the walls and ceiling and piled it in the center of the room to be taken away. This requires about half a day's work. Then the old plaster was all cleaned out between the laths. To do this we hammered on the laths until all of the plaster which was between them fell down inside. Then three or four laths were taken off the bottom to let it out on the floor. Then the laths were all renailed for the old nails were rotten. New laths were put in where they were needed.

When the mason came we first put up the staging so as to reach the ceiling and the upper parts of the wall. Next the ceiling was dampened and made ready for the first coat. This is called hair mortar, which consists of slacked lime, hair and sand, and a little pulp plaster is used.

The first coat which is put on is called scratching. This is put on about an eighth of an inch thick. Then another coat is put on. This is called browning. Pulp plaster and sand is used for this. After this is all floated in and dried it is ready for finishing.

For the finishing coat there has to be some white putty made. This is made from lump lime slacked and run through a fine sieve. It should be free from stones and dirt of any kind for they would leave scratches and make it hard to work with. This is mixed with plaster of paris and put on. There is about an eighth of an inch of finishing put on in all. When working with plaster one has to work quickly for plaster hardens very fast after it is mixed.

This new plaster makes a great change in a room when it is all done and the work gives one who is interested great experience.

NORMAN F. FARMER.

### Making an Ink Stand

One day in the sloyd room I got some wood and started an ink stand. First I planed one broad surface and then an edge. After that I made a place for the ink bottle. This was a very hard piece of work. First I gauged a line. Then I dug it out with a chisel. When that was done, I made a place for the pens. This was done by a gouge. When that was finished I sandpapered it all over. I gave it one coat of shellac and let it dry thoroughly. Then I sandpapered it with very fine sandpaper, and when perfectly dry it was rubbed down with pumice and oil. This gave it a very good finish.

CHESTER B. BUCHAN.

### An Interesting Motion Picture

Once every week we have motion pictures. Some of them are very interesting. One educational picture I liked was about military life at West Point. It showed the grounds, chapel, war relics, campus and many other views. Then we were given an idea of how a day there was spent. First there was inspection and then drilling. We saw some wonderful stunts the soldiers did on horseback. These took place inside of the big riding hall. The soldiers marched, broke ranks and wheeled. Then they did some fast riding and jumping. We next saw them in the trenches. Here they threw bombs, used machine guns, went over the top and also did some make believe fighting. Also we saw some big wire entanglements made by the instructors. Then the soldiers were shown retreating with the field cannon, and in dress parade, and they certainly looked beautiful in their tall hats and on well groomed horses.

Their course is four years with a furlough only once in two years. But, it surely is a wonderful training to be able to take and I hope I can some day. SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD.

### Cleaning the Gymnasium

When we clean the gymnasium, we first pick up all the rubbish, then we put all the benches in one corner, open the windows, and we are all ready for sweeping.

One boy starts at each end and we sweep towards the center. The hardest place to sweep is the south end as it has the basketball guard there. This structure is of wire, extends from the roof to about a foot from the floor and the platform is behind it. After the dirt is gathered up, we place the things in their proper places and our work is done.

ALBERT A. PETERSON.

### Extra Privileges

Not long ago there was posted on the bulletin board by Mr. Bradley a piece of paper with the days on which the different grades might have extra privileges. They were as follows: first graders every day, second graders, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, third graders, Saturday, and fourth graders none.

These grades are made up from the weekly conduct report; this conduct report is read by Mr. Bradley every Monday evening.

When a boy does something wrong, his instructor may "check" him. For each check he receives a certain number of marks, all of which are reckoned up on Monday and decide his grade for the coming week.

If a boy receives 35 marks or over he is in the fourth grade and has to work during his play time until he gets out. If he does not get checked during the next week he is put into the third grade and so on to the first.

Some of the extra privileges are: going to the shop or sloyd room to make articles of wood, going over to the City to have a good time, going to the reading room to read, or skating, coasting or swimming in season.

This is a very good plan for it teaches each boy to be careful and thorough about his work.

JAMES B. ROUSE.

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According to the calendar, the new year begins with January 1st, but to us in the North it may well seem to come with spring. The first pussy willows herald the beginning of a new year in the world around us, and in our interests, occupations and feelings as well.

Each spring is a miracle in itself. Little

by little the signs appear, until suddenly, along in May, the grass shows green, the trees leaf out, the birds are here, and overnight, as it were, the scene is changed, the setting for winter is replaced with that for summer, and the new act commences. The very air and light seem to possess a magic quality, a movement—a variation, as if something were happening while we look, as indeed there is; as if a wizard moved his wand and we were privileged to see a mystic transformation, as indeed we are. Watch the water under the play of light and clouds these days. Not dull—not calm—not wild and boisterous, but almost quiet yet restless, as if with a subdued excitement, showing a little silver ripple of movement, alive, mysterious and ever changing.

With so much life and magic in all around us, we cannot help but respond with new energy and desires of our own. We feel new and strange impulses, we long for new experiences, and we develop a whole new set of enthusiasms.

Marbles come again into there own. Basket-ball which seemed good fun so recently has become stupid and out-of-date. We look forward to the first base-ball game and speculate on team D's chances for the coming season. The Friends' Days, Graduation, Alumni Day, Fourth of July, the barge rides, all are coming, and as we look ahead, it seems as if life will be as full of color and sunshine as are our flower gardens with their flaunting reds and yellows and blues.

We are enthusiastic and it is right that we should be. Without enthusiasm the wonderful spring and summer and good times and our surroundings would lose much of their meaning for us. Let us appreciate and enjoy them all we can, and help those around us to a similiar enjoyment, for thereby does life become more worth while.

We know, however, that every day cannot be a gay sweet song. We will work as hard as in the winter; there is much to be done. Some times an east wind must blow—things will not always go right, however wonderful they look now. But here again discriminating enthusiasm

helps. We see the hidden wonder, the splendid gleam of beauty which lies in little everyday things and in the plain truths and facts around us, and which is so often overlooked. When all goes well, and good times are being planned and provided for us, enthusiasm is natural; the person of true discernment is he who can see charm in the usual, we do not mean in the common and sordid, but in ordinary, quiet, regular ways of living, when there are nosky-rockets, but well ordered busy days of honest effort. Enthusiasm cannot create beauty, but it discovers and appreciates it. Where one person might pass a barren stretch of rock unnoticed, the enthusiasm of another shines upon it, and suddenly the gold and purple gleam forth for all to see. The discriminating man not only has seen the vision for himself, but he has given it to others as well. He has developed possibilities which by the others were undreamed of.

In literature, the stories we like best and that are most worth reading are not necessarily the recital of the most dramatic events—often a tale of quiet life is more effective.

So we would not forget the worth and true beauty of our quiet busy days, although we enjoy—as we should—the fun and excitement that comes with summer and outdoor life.

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### Calendar

April 1 Raymond S. Metcalf, '19, left the School to attend Tilton Academy.

April 3 Last basket-ball game of the season between teams B and C. Score: 21 to 3 in favor of team B.

Lester E. Cowden, '16, and Hubert N. Leach, '16, here for the week end.

April 4 Easter Sunday. Concert in the Chapel in the afternoon.

George Buchan, '97, and daughter here for over Sunday.

Nicholas M. Suarez, Jr., '19, here.

April 5 Mason here to begin repairs.

April 9 Twenty-five lbs. of chicken killed.

April 10 Dr. Bancroft here to examine the eyes and ears of all the boys.

Planted lettuce and radish seeds in hotbed.

April 12 Four boys sent to oculist for further examination.

April 13 Three boys sent to oculist for further examination.

A load of grain came.

April 14 Blacksmith here to shoe horses.

Five boys sent to oculist for further examination.

Dancing lesson in the evening.

Seven boys visited the dentist to have teeth filled.

Three boys, Ralph Langille, Edward Robertson and Waldo Libby, attended Keith's Theatre in the evening.

Motion pictures in the evening.

April 17 Leslie E. Russell, '18, here for over Sunday, and Victor H. Muse, '18, here for the afternoon.

April 19 Gassing rats with carbon disulphide gas.

Started plowing.

Mr. Bradley attended the funeral of Mrs. Jane Norton Grew at the Arlington Street Church.

April 20 Planted pepper, cabbage, tomatoes, leek and celery in hot beds.

Mr. E. C. Britton of the Mass. Society of Beekeepers here to look over bees.

April 21 Dancing lesson in the evening.

April 22 Two men measuring boys for new uniforms.

April 23 A trip to Weymouth to get fertilizer.

April 24 Mrs. Charles E. Mason, and two sons, visited the School.

Prof. F. C. Shaw, former agricultural instructor, here making farm survey.

Warren F. Noyes, '19, here for the week end.

April 26 Manager Philip S. Sears visited the School.

Plowed at South End.

Limed field south of Farm House, using

2200 lbs. of lime.

April 28 Plumber here putting in dish-washer.

Dancing lesson in the evening.

Plowed for potatoes and manured.

Preparing strawberry bed.

Preparing ground for peas.

Put 110 willow stakes in east-side bank.

Took shrubs from nursery to fill in around the building.

Moved three young elms from nursery to put in along Highland Road.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

April 2 Went to Braintree to see Mr. Brackett about boys' clothes.

April 7. Fast Day. Pleasant and a goodly number of graduates present.

April 14 A lovely day. Was up early and out in fields. Started plowing for peas.

Went to city with boat. Took up boys to be measured for patterns. Got home at 5:00 and sowed grain seed until 8:30 p. m.

April 15 Went to Hull with Mr. Nathan Holbrook to look at oxen. Bought a pair.

April 29 The past week or more has been well employed in house cleaning, farm work and a general putting of things to rights.

April 30 A pleasant day. The first visit of parents and friends for this season. A goodly number present; of the managers, Messrs. S. G. Deblois and Perkins.

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### April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 58° on the 27th.

Minimum Temperature 21° on the 8th.

Mean Temperature for the month 36.

Total precipitation 6.25 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.50 inches on the 21st.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 13 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand April 1, 1920	\$721.62
Deposited during the month	120.85
	\$842.47
Withdrawn during the month	49.17
Cash on hand May 1, 1920	\$793.30

### Our Health Charts

Lately, some health charts came from the Child's Health Organization.

One of these charts tell us how much a child should gain each month, how tall he should be for his age and how much he should weigh for his age and height.

In the banking room are some charts that show us the development of the human race. They show us the cave men and how they got their food and made their weapons. They tell how a child should be cared for and brought up; how to sleep and also how long a person should sleep.

These charts are very useful and help us to solve the health problem.

ALFRED A. PICKELS.

### School Work

In school we are learning a poem called "Nobility." It was written by Alice Cary. Sometimes our teacher has one boy stand and recite alone to see how well he can recite it. The first verse is as follows:

#### NOBILITY

"True worth is in being, not seeming,  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good—not in the dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.  
For whatever men say in blindness,  
And in spite of the fancies of youth,  
There is nothing so kingly as kindness  
And nothing so royal as truth."

We hope to have the whole poem learned soon. We enjoy good poems and good stories.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN.

### Dancing Lessons

One Monday night Mr. Bradley told us that we would have dancing lessons Wednesday nights for a while. All the boys were delighted as a lot of us do not know how to dance.

On the next Wednesday night we put on our uniforms and filed up to the chapel. We were then introduced to our dancing teacher whose name is Miss Reed. First Miss Reed lined half of the boys up in two lines and gave them some exercises. We had to learn how to bow correctly and how to keep our limbs relaxed and not stiff. After this we took other boys to be our partners. We then lined up and she showed us how to dance the one-step. Half of us took the part of the girls. After dancing for some time the other half of the boys got up and danced. After the dancing lesson was over there was more dancing. The boys danced with the instructors and with their friends.

It is nice to know how to dance for when we get out in the world or into society, we do not want to be wall flowers.

After the boys' dancing was over, Miss Reed taught some of the instructors different methods in dancing. She was very patient with us as we make a lot of mistakes, but we are rapidly improving.

THEODORE B. HADLEY.

### Setting Geese Eggs

A while ago I set some goose eggs under a hen. First I went up to the stock barn and got some chaff and fine hay and put some lice powder in the bottom of nest. I put the chaff in so the nest would be warm underneath. Then I put the hay around the edges. After I had finished making the nest, I put in three geese eggs because a hen cannot cover more than three or four geese eggs anyway. After I had that done, I powdered the hen as good as possible, so that the goslings would not get lousy after they are hatched. Then I put the hen on the nest. It will take about four weeks before the eggs will be hatched.

JOHN GOODHUE, JR.

### Hauling Coal

On April 5, Mr. Slinger told me to hitch Dick and Dennis on to the double dump cart and draw coal to the Power House.

From April 5 to April 9, I hauled coal to the Power House every afternoon, each afternoon, taking eight loads with the exception of Friday, April 9, when I hauled nine loads.

When we start to haul coal we go down to the pile which is on the north side of the Boat-House and take either screening or soft coal, whichever is needed. We then draw it to the Power House.

NORMAN MOSS.

### The Canary

In the Reading Room there is a canary. He is very pretty and has a good cage. Every noon one of the instructors comes in and takes down the cage. She gets a little dish full of water and puts it in the cage.

Then the bird takes a bath. First he puts his bill in to see if the water is all right. If it is, he will stand in it and splash. When he is all done he goes up in the top of the cage and dries himself. Then clean paper is put in the bottom of the cage, with a little sand. His water and seed are changed and he is hung up again.

The bird is a very good singer and he has a mirror in his cage in which he sees himself.

OSMOND W. BURSIEL.

### Song

April, April,  
Laugh thy girlish laughter;  
Then the moment after,  
Weep thy girlish tears!  
April, that mine ears  
Like a lover greetest,  
If I tell thee, sweetest,  
All my hopes and fears,  
April, April,  
Laugh thy golden laughter.  
But, the moment after,  
Weep thy golden tears!

William Watson.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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West Roxbury

Alden Brooks Hefler was born in Roxbury on April 3, 1875. He was one of six children of John Charles and Sarah ( Hiltz ) Hefler. He attended the Boston public schools until the death of his mother, which occurred in 1885, when with a younger brother, he entered the Farm School on Sept. 10, of that year. He remained at the School until June 8, 1887, when he returned to his family home, and continuing his attendance at the public schools, he graduated from the George Putman Grammar School in Roxbury.

He secured employment in the printing department of the Dennison Manufacturing Company, in Roxbury, and after working up to the position of pressman, he met with a serious accident, his right hand being crushed in a press, and he was forced to give up his position.

Some time afterward he secured employment as book-keeper and shipper with the firm of Hugh Wright & Company, in Boston, importers of dye-stuffs, and after a service there of ten years, an opportunity presented itself to go into the same line of business on his own account, with two others. The Turner & Hefler company was organized in Hyde Park, with Mr. Hefler as treasurer, which in the 15 years of its existence has built up a profitable and successful business. Preparation for this line of work had been laid by Mr. Hefler in his earlier years by two years of study at the Roxbury Evening High School, supplemented by a course in chemistry with the International Correspondence School.

Mr. Hefler is a member of the Drysalters' Club, a trade organization, and he is active in a number of civic organizations in Hyde Park,

where he makes his home. For some years he served as a trustee of the Hyde Park Unitarian Church, and he is active in its welfare. He is a member of the corporation and a trustee of the Hyde Park Savings Bank, a 32nd degree Mason, a knight templer and a noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Hefler married Bertha C. Richardson of Ayer, and two sons have been born to them, now sixteen and eight years of age respectively, and the former is a junior in high school. Their home is at 75 Central Avenue, Hyde Park. Mr. and Mrs. Hefler also brought up and educated a daughter of Mr. Hefler's sister, and the young woman is now a nurse with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and Germany.

Mr. Hefler was one of the original members of the Alumni Association, and he was the second president of the Association.

HOWARD A. DELANO, '13, visited the School recently for the first time since his Graduation.

After he left the School, Howard went to work on a farm in Ludlow, Vt., for his uncle, W. J. Delano. He remained there for four years and after a year spent on another farm in Ludlow, he went to Cornish, Maine, where he has a sister. There he is employed on the dairy farm of W. W. & F. P. Pike. This is an up-to-date farm, with a line of thoroughbred Jerseys.

WALTER W. F. MANN, ex '21, writes us a short letter of good wishes. Walter is living at home with his mother at Sherborne, Mass.



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### Memorial Day

Sunday afternoon, May 30th, at 2 P. M., we formed a line and marched through the orchard toward the cemetery at South End. All the way over the snare drums beat time for us. Occasionally the whole band played a selection, and afterwards the drums would play again. As we approached the cemetery, the sound of the drums deadened until we reached the bank on the right of the cemetery. Then we sat down on the grass, one above the other. The services this year, as usually, were conducted by officers of Cottage Row, and Richard Hall, as mayor of Cottage Row, took charge. The programme was as follows:

SONG AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL School

ADDRESS RICHARD H. HALL

SONG JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL School

POEM LOYALTY

THEODORE B. HADLEY (*Author*)

READING OUR HEROES

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

BRASS QUARTET SHUBERT

CAMERON, HALL, LIBBY and SMITH

Flags were then placed on the graves by Richard H. Hall and Joseph E. Kervin, as a tribute to the dead. American flags were put on 16

graves and a Swedish flag on that of a former instructor who came from Sweden. The drums sounded three rolls. Then Libby, Antell and David LeBrun, the latter visiting the School, went a little way apart, one near the cemetery, one down by the shore, and one back on the hill, and played "Taps" very slowly, one after the other. This was very pretty. The services were then concluded, and we marched back to the Main Building by the way of Beach Road.

RALPH H. SWENSON.

### Grading the Avenues

One afternoon two other boys and myself were sent down to the Front Avenue to work. When we reached there we were told to scrape off the gravel for about one hundred feet. Then we put it in piles on one side and took rakes and leveled off the high places. After that we raked up all the stones, sticks and other things.

When we were done, Mr. Brown sent down some wheel barrow loads of mixed dirt and ashes. We were given a form that was cut out just the shape that the avenue was supposed to be. After putting this across from gutter to gutter we looked under it to see where dirt was needed.

Then we put some dirt on and made the surface the right shape. When one place was done we moved on a little bit, getting the same shape all the way down. When the bell rang at five o'clock we were half way done.

OSMOND W. BURSIEL.

### A Naval Victory

In school to-day we had a story about John Paul Jones. He had a fight in his ship, the "Bon Homme Richard" with an English ship the "Serapis." Jones came up in his ship, to the Serapis which turned and fled. He chased and came up to it and made it put to.

"Ship Ahoy," shouted Captain Jones.

"Aye Aye," shouted Captain Pearson.

"What's your name?" came ringing over the water.

"Serapis, what's yours?"

"Bon Homme Richard, haul down your flag," shouted the gallant Jones.

The Englishman's answer was the flash and boom of a cannon shot that whizzed through the rigging of the Richard. Then raged the lightning and thunder of battle. Fast and furious came the roar of the big guns now from this ship, now from that. They drifted nearer together, now their rigging was entangled, now they touched, now the struggling crew fought hand to hand. Right and left the conflict raged, with pikes and pistols and cutlasses.

Jones was now here, now there, seeing all, controlling all, and mixing with the bravest, now training some gun, now pulling some rope, now cheering some lagging sailor lad. His strong will and sturdy pluck gave new life to his men.

The American flag was obscured with smoke so that Captain Pearson not seeing it, shouted "Are you ready to surrender?" Instantly came Jones's defiant reply, "Surrender! I've not yet begun to fight!" Then Jones lashed the ships together while the cannon balls tore through the vessels, cut the masts and scattered the wounded and dead all around. The Richard was leaking badly and both vessels were on fire three times but the pumps were at work and the battle still raged.

The scene was one of appalling, indescribable grandeur. Finally at about 10:00 o'clock Captain Pearson saw there was no hope against such a foe as this and so struck his flag.

When the haughty English captain gave up

his sword to the brave Yankee sailor, he said, "I cannot but feel much mortification at the idea of surrendering my sword to a man who has fought me with a rope around his neck."

CHARLES N. ROBBINS.

### Making a Plant Stand

Making a plant stand is very interesting work. The wood that I used was butternut, one inch thick, which was rough.

The top of the stand was cut about 10 1-2 inches square and planed on one broad face and then it was gauged to the thickness of 3-4 of an inch. When the piece was planed to the gauge lines it was made 10 inches square and the corners were cut off, which made the top an octagon, four and 1-8 inches on a side.

The top being finished, four pieces were made 10 by 1 and 1-2 by 3-4 inches for cross pieces, one-half-lap joints in each of the cross-pieces. One of the cross-pieces was screwed to the top with six 1 and 3-4 inch screws.

The legs were then made which were 81 by 1 and 1-2 by 3-4 inches. There were four of them, one on every other edge of the top. The other cross-piece was put about five inches from the bottom of the legs. The legs were then screwed on the top with eight 2 and 1-2 inch No. 12 round head brass screws, and four screws in the bottom cross-pieces. The stand was then sandpapered with No. 0 sandpaper, then oiled, shellacked and rubbed down with pumice and oil.

CLIFTON H. SEARS.

### The Jack Plane

The plane we use most in sloyd is the jack plane. The jack plane is used for planing straight surfaces. Some of the principal parts are as follows: the body, throat, knob, handle, frog, plane iron blade, cap, cap screw, adjusting screw and adjusting lever.

There are many other different planes. Some are the block plane, rabbet, jointer, and smoothing plane.

BERNARD R. MORRILL.

### My Work and all About It

I have charge of the Stock Room. I go to work there in the morning, also before school in the afternoon. The Stock Room is quite large. The south side and the west have shelves next to the wall. On the north side there are barrels containing tools, such as farm tools, brooms and brushes. In the middle of the room is a large table. Under the table we keep our bags of beans. There are barrels of food and other things which come in barrels under the shelves. We keep all things such as glue, lamps, lamp shades and many other utensils on the shelves. On the eastern half of the same shelves are many boxes of the same size, in which we keep locks, and other small articles. On the eastern and northern sides we keep our flour. There is a back door in the middle of the north side that leads out to the Avenue. Opposite that is the door opening into a hall which leads into the kitchen. The wood work is all white and the floor is cement.

My work is to keep the place clean and to keep the tools from rusting, also to fill requisitions which I receive from the office. When an instructor wants anything for his work he writes a requisition for it. Then Mr. Bradley signs it and I fill it out. I take the things that each instructor wants, put them in a pile and check them on the slip. I then return the slip to the office and take the articles to each instructor. Then I record them in the record book. I have had requisitions to fill for all departments. I have to be sure that there is plenty of everything on hand, and report to the office when we are low in anything. It is quite a responsible job.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN.

### Painting a Sign

One day a sign from the Wharf came to the paint shop to be painted.

Mr. Ferguson told me to give it a thin coat of white paint that day. The following day it was given another thin coat of the same paint. A couple of days later he told me to mix some lampblack and linseed oil together, and when I

finished that to put in some crystal spar varnish. Then I gave the letters one coat. It took a few more days for this to dry. After it did dry, I puttied the cracks and gave it another coat of white. After this dried I added to the black I had left from the other some Spirits of Japan, so that it would dry more quickly. I then gave the letters the last coat of black. The words on the sign are "Mean High Water," with an arrow extending the whole length.

I like to paint signs, as it helps to steady the nerves in my hands for my future work.

HENRY C. LOWELL.

### A Ground Wire

As I am learning to be an electrician it is my duty to see that the lights on the Island are always in good condition.

Sometimes a wire is broken, sometimes it may be an electric light bulb, but the thing that is hardest to repair is a ground wire. This is a wire that is bare and is resting on the metal pipe that forms its casing. It is very hard to find, for one may have to tear things down before it can be found. It may be where the wires have been put together and when it was taped, one of the sharp ends came through and come in contact with metal pipe.

I like this kind of work very much.

JOSEPH E. KERVIN.

### Pigeons

One afternoon while feeding the pigeons I saw two little eggs in a nest. The next day there was a little pigeon lying beside the eggs. He was a little smaller than a baby chicken and looked a lot like one, although he had a very large bill. He could wiggle his head, but his eyes were closed.

A day later the other pigeon had broken through the shell and both pigeons were hopping around in the nest. Not long after both of the pigeons had their eyes open. The little pigeons grew very fast and soon had darker feathers like their mother. I enjoy watching little pigeons grow from day to day and seeing them try to walk and fly.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON.

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As graduation approaches, it is well to stop and consider if we have gained what we should have from our work. We all think much of getting our diplomas, and they should mean a great deal to us; they certify not only that we have completed a certain amount of school work, but

—in this school, at least—that our life and work outside the schoolroom has been properly conducted. They will open for us new doors to new adventures, and they are rewards of which we well may be proud.

But the thoughtful among us must realize that the aim, the *real* aim of our course is not merely to furnish us with diplomas, treasured though these may be. The real aim of any education is more than that.

First we must earn our living, and any education that neglects to teach men and women something about taking care of themselves is lacking in an important respect. We believe it is the duty of every man and woman to learn how to do well at least one thing by means of which he can earn a decent living if he so wishes, and here we learn the rudiments of many kinds of work.

Another purpose of education is to teach us to enjoy the right sort of things. We learn to distinguish the worth while from the trivial, and to find the greater pleasure in the things that are worth while. This applies to music, art, and many other things. Take the question of reading, for example. At first we may prefer to read exciting stories whether or not they have any claim to merit in their style of expression. But if we force ourselves to read books that we know are worth while, even though at first they may seem rather stupid, the time will come when the tables will be turned. We will learn to appreciate the clever character drawing or the forceful description or whatever particular characteristics the better written book may have, and we will become really interested, whereas the formerly exciting story often has become stupid, merely a poorly told story, and usually untrue to life, imposing itself upon the reader as being true to facts.

Here we have accomplished the purpose of education — learned to enjoy the right kind of things — by giving them a fair trial, and they have developed in us the ability to appreciate them.

Education develops in us the ability to enjoy more fully the beautiful things of life, and it also teaches us to appreciate the efforts and achievements of others. As we study our history the example of great men is ever before us, and these should influence us to make our lives of more value, to do something that will make the world a little farther advanced because we have lived. Some of us have a talent which should be made the most of, but most of us will owe all we become to sheer hard work and grit-luck and pull help only temporarily. But by straight living and doing one's work well, (and whether or not it is done well is entirely up to the individual—if you don't know enough for your work, study up for it) one may succeed, and successes are an inspiration to others and an asset to a nation, while failures help nobody.

But after all, education has done little for us if it has not taught us to consider the rights and interests of others. That you and I go ahead is of account, but it is of just as much account that the next person advance also, and it may be within our power to help. "Man is a social animal" and in order successfully to live with others, he must occasionally give up the good of the one—himself—for the good of the many. Although one person may point the way, civilization advances with the people as a whole.

G. Stanley Hall has stated the aims of education as follows: "To teach us to delight in what we should; to earn a living; to become a good neighbor; to enrich the life of our time," and this seems to sum up the whole story.

If we think over for a moment our teachings here at the School, we will see that they pass the four tests of "the aims of education" as stated above, and when we have finished here, we should bear our lessons in mind, and make our lives prove that our education has not been in vain.

### Calendar

May 1 Seven boys attended the Children's Festival at the Masonic Temple in Boston.

Band concert and dancing in the evening.

May 3 Man from R. T. Adams Co. here to examine floors.

Finished transplanting strawberry bed, 2225 plants in all. Spread ashes east of Observatory.

Set out three trees along Highland Road.

May 4 Two men here to do work on floors.

Spread ashes on Oak Knoll, and started ploughing there. Trimmed Farm House path. Preparing asparagus bed and cultivating rhubarb.

May 5 Finished ploughing Oak Knoll, and started the North End potato piece.

Seed for gardens came.

Killed 25 lbs. of poultry.

Dancing lessons in the evening.

May 6 Seven boys went to the dentist in the morning.

Motion pictures in the evening.

May 7 Working on asparagus bed. Planting oats and peas and seeded South End.

May 8 Planted 500 asparagus roots.

Sorted potatoes for seed. Planting oats and peas.

May 9 Sunday. John A. Robertson, '15, here for a few hours leave from the "Nantucket" before she started on her summer cruise.

May 10 500 more asparagus roots in.

May 11 Sorting potatoes. Harrowed and smoothed by Oak Knoll. Hoed small fruits.

May 12 Secretary Tucker Daland visited the School.

Planting oats and peas on Oak Knoll, and seeding. Hoed around small fruits and trees by nursery. Weeded hot beds.

Dancing lessons in the evening.

May 13 Six boys visited the dentist.

Motion pictures in the evening.

May 18 Began caulking and painting the scow.

Began planting 2 acres potatoes by Farm House.

May 19 Dancing lesson in the evening.

May 20 Five boys visited the dentist.

Began planting 3 acres potatoes at North End.

Nursery stock came as follows: 74 apple trees, 34 pear, 15 cherry, 6 plum, 36 peach trees.

Motion pictures in the evening.

May 21 Nursery stock put in.

May 23 Mr. Fay and Mr. Bemis showed stereopticon pictures and boys sang in the evening.

May 24 Trip to Lawley's to have engine of launch looked over.

May 25 First Friends' Day. Two hundred forty visitors present. President Arthur Adams here.

May 26 Moved linden trees from nursery to East Side bank. Stripped willows.

Dancing lesson in the evening.

May 27 Five boys visited the dentist. Planted three varieties of beets and second planting of peas in garden. Motion pictures in the evening.

May 28 Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell visited the School. Planted two varieties of carrots, and onions.

Killed 25 lbs. poultry.

David B. Lebrun, ex '21, came to stay over Memorial Day.

May 30 Memorial Exercises in the Cemetery. Taps played by Herbert Antell, Waldo E. Libby and David B. LeBrun.

May 31 Memorial Day. Baseball game between instructors and boys. Score 21 to 10 in favor of the boys.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

May 14 There have been no visitors during the week. We have been busy planting, sowing grain, etc.

May 19 Went to the city with the Lyman. Bought skiff, \$22.00.

May 20 Planted field corn and prepared ground for potatoes.

May 23 Planting potatoes and sweet corn.

May 26 Received a visit from Manager A. D. Weld, Esq., via Squantum. Planted beans and hoed some crops.

May 28 A stormy windy day from the east. A good deal of rain fallen. Self with the boys. Men pressing hay.

May 31 The 2nd visiting day of the season. The "Rose Standish" came with friends of boys. The only Manager present was Mr. S. G. Deblois.

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### May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 78° on the 19th.

Minimum Temperature 32° on the 14th.

Mean Temperature for the month 52.

Total precipitation 1.60 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .75 inches on the 22nd.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 12 clear days, 14 partly cloudy, 5 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand May 1, 1920	\$791.90
Deposited during the month	99.69
	\$891.59
Withdrawn during the month	17.23
Cash on hand June 1, 1920	\$874.36

### Tree Inspecting

We have inspectors on the Island for several different kinds of work. Among them are tree inspectors. The work of a tree inspector is to cut all the dead limbs from the trees on the Island to get all the cocoons, nests and eggs of the brown tail and gypsy moths; to report all dead trees so that they may be cut down, and to pick up all limbs that are on the ground in any of the groves and put them in piles so that they may be hauled to the brush pile.

When any tree inspectors go tree inspecting, they generally take a saw, a can of paint and a rope. They saw off any dead or broken limbs and then paint the stub that is on the tree. The paint used consists of lamp black and turpentine. The reason that paint is used is to keep the sap from running down the side of the tree. When we find out where there are any nests of brown tail or gypsy moths we take a sharp knife and a bag and get them. When we get all the nests we can find, they are burned in the power house.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH.

### Milking

We have a dairy of grade cows which includes these breeds, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey and Durhams. There are 20 cows being milked. In addition we have three heifers, and six small calves.

We do the milking at five o'clock morning and night. It requires four boys to milk and one to carry milk. So that no dirt can get into the milk the milkers wear milking aprons and brush their cows off before sitting down to milk. No feeding is done while milking, or the dust would get into the milk. As soon as the milker is done with one cow, he weighs the milk and puts it in the strainer pail. The milk carrier then puts it into the milk cans. As soon as the milk cans are full, the milk is taken to the house. One quart of grain is given to every three pounds of milk. In the morning the feeding is done after milking and at night the feeding is done before the milkers go down. Hay is

being fed three times a day. Grain is fed twice a day. At present we are getting about six cans of milk twice a day.

ALBERT ANDERSON.

### Violin Practice

Since last March one of my greatest pleasures has been practicing on my violin. The violin was given to me by one of the boys who went away. Mr. Kihlstrom, our sloyd instructor, who plays the piano and knows something about the violin, gives me lessons and helps me. He plays the piano while I play the violin.

Some of the hours that I practice are from 12:00 to 1:00 at noon or from 6:00 to 7:00 at night. Sometimes I go down to the band hall from 7:00 until 9:00 with Mr. Kihlstrom. Sundays we sometimes play in Chapel together. We have some very interesting hours and I hope to be a good player some time.

NORMAN F. FARMER.

### A Trip With the Mail Boy

One noon hour as I was playing up in the gymnasium, Mr. Brown told me he wanted me to make the trip with the mail boy.

First we (the mail boy and I) washed up good and clean. Then we combed our hair, shined our shoes, then went to the drawroom and put on our uniforms. Next we went to the office to get the mail bag and instructions concerning the errands we had to do.

We left on the steamer about 1:30 o'clock. When we reached City Point we boarded an in-town car. After doing our errands we went to the Post Office and got the mail.

Then we got on a City Point car and arrived at the Public Landing at 5:15 o'clock to return to the Island. I enjoyed the trip very much.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD.

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"Whether people's gratitude for the good gifts that come to them, be wisely conceived or dutifully expressed, is a secondary matter, after all, so long as they feel gratitude."

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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EDWARD A. MOORE, '79, is president of the Massachusetts Public School Janitors' Association, and is editor of "The Custodian," the monthly publication which the association issues as its official organ.

PERRY COOMBS, '14, went to Liverpool in the fall of 1915 on the Devonian, sailing from Boston with a load of horses. Upon arriving there, he enlisted in the 8th Liverpool Irish King's regiment, and trained in Blackpool until about February, when he went to France, and went directly to the front, in Belgium. Later they went to the Somme, and he was there until August, 1916, when he was captured. His battalion went over 800 strong, and got cut off from the battalion on their left, after penetrating the German lines to the third line. The Germans practically surrounded them and cut them off from any relief, about 6:00 o'clock in the morning, and they fought until eleven, when 148 of those that were left, were captured. Of the 800, only these 148, and 60 that got back to the English lines were left, the rest being killed. During the fight another battalion tried to get through along a sunken road, and were exposed to a terrific German machine gun fire from both sides. Perry went over with about 50 men, and cleaned out the German machine guns, giving the other battalion a chance to get through, but only 15 of the original 50 came back.

When he was first captured, he was sent to Dulman, in Germany, and put to work in a stone quarry. A number of the prisoners went on strike, because the Germans wanted them to work on Sunday, and about 20 of them, Perry included, were picked out as leaders, and made to stand at attention out on a hill outside the camp for three days, when they were sent to

Muenster, and put to work in a coal mine. This was a punishment, but was really easier than the stone quarry, as there were large numbers there, and the guards could not keep track of them all. On one occasion he and another man managed to get a supply of civilian clothes, and planned to get away, by jumping under some freight cars that they passed going from work to their quarters, and riding on the trucks, but one of the Russian prisoners gave the plan away, and they were caught before they had a chance to start. For this they were punished by being made to stay under some coke ovens for seven days. For the first seven months they had to live on German prison food and got so weak they could hardly work, but after that the British government sent them food and a supply of clothing, and they fared better. He stayed in Muenster until a week after the armistice was signed, and then returned to England through Holland. In England he received a two months' furlough, and was released from military service on April 10th, 1919. He was in the German camp for two years and four months, and had been at the front for eight months prior to that time. He received four shrapnel wounds, but none of them were very serious.

Since returning to the United States, Perry has gone to Canada, with the intention of taking up a government claim of 320 acres of land at Nepawin in Saskatchewan, about 90 miles northwest by north from Prince Albert.

LAWRENCE M. COBB, '14, is now with Drake Brothers Company, bakers, of Roxbury, and is taking a course on salesmanship, which the firm is furnishing through the Sheldon School of Business.



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## Graduation Day

The one day of the year which means most to members of the first class is graduation. This year it occurred on June 16. As the weather was unsettled the exercises were held in the Assembly Hall, instead of on the Front Lawn as usual. The room was prettily decorated with the school colors, gold and blue, and flowers. The class motto "Step by step to the heights beyond," was mounted in gold letters on a large blue banner, in the rear of the room.

Mr. Bradley and a number of the Board of Managers sat in the front of the room on the right side of the entrance, with the 22 members of the graduating class sitting opposite.

The speaker of day was the Rev. Thomas M. Mark who was introduced by Vice President Charles E. Mason. He in turn was introduced by Mr. Bradley. Mr. Mark spoke of our motto and made it his general theme.

The exercises were as follows:

OVERTURE	Determination	<i>Beyer</i>
	Band	

PRAYER	Rev. Thomas M. Mark
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SALUTATORY AND ESSAY	The Rise of a Genius
	Bernard Ross Morrill

SONG	Anchored	<i>M. Watson</i>
	School	

## CLASS PROPHECY

John Edward Kervin

## SCHOOL SONG

*F. T. S.*

School

## VALEDICTORY AND ESSAY

West Point

James Albert Carson

## BRASS QUARTETTE

*Shubert*

Hall, Libby, Cameron, Smith

## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Vice President, Charles E. Mason

## ADDRESS

Rev. Thomas M. Mark

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Bradley

SONG	America
	School

MARCH	N. C. 4	<i>F. E. Bigelow</i>
	Band	

After the exercises we went about the grounds showing our friends the places of interest.

At 5:30 as the steamer cast off, and left the Wharf, we gave three rousing cheers and a tiger for our friends, and returned to the house. In the evening we held a dance in honor of our graduation.

ALFRED A. PICKELS

## GRADUATING CLASSES

## LITERARY

Albert Anderson	Henry Carpenter Lowell
Osmond Wolcott Bursiel	William Theodore Marcus
James Albert Carson	Bernard Ross Morrill
Albert Ellis	Norman Moss
Donald Wilbur Ellis	Frederick Eldridge Munich
Harold Ellis	Alfred Augustus Pickels
Norman Frederick Farmer	Arthur John Schaefer
Richard Homer Hall	Clifton Howes Sears
John Edward Kervin	Daniel Emery Smith
Joseph Kervin	Thomas Lawrence Unwin
Aldevin Adolph Lammi	George Wainwright Vincent

## SLOYD

Albert Anderson	Richard Homer Hall
Donald Wilbur Ellis	John Edward Kervin
John Goodhue, Jr.	Arthur John Schaefer
Luke Wilson B. Halfyard	Clifton Howes Sears
	George Wainwright Vincent

ESSAYS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE  
CLASS OF 1920

Agriculture . . . . .	Albert Anderson
A Great American . . . . .	Osmond Wolcott Bursiel
Sloyd . . . . .	Albert Ellis
Development of the Rifles . .	Donald Wilbur Ellis
Our Neighbor—Canada . . . .	Harold Ellis
Concrete . . . . .	Norman Frederick Farmer
A Few Facts of the World War	Richard Homer Hall
Electricity in the Home . . .	Joseph Kervin
Gold . . . . .	Aldevin Adolph Lammi
House Painting . . . . .	Henry Carpenter Lowell
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## CLASS MOTTO

"Step by step to the heights beyond."

## CLASS OFFICERS

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Albert Anderson .	William T. Marcus
	Clifton H. Sears

## Alumni Field Day

On June 17, we had our Annual Alumni Day. As all the people of the Alumni did not come in the morning, the games and sports did not begin until the afternoon.

After dinner all the people went to the gymnasium as it was a rainy day. The boys were there too.

Some of our Alumni friends threw candy for which we scrambled. Some boys succeeded in getting a lot of candy, peanuts and money.

When everybody was there the games were begun. There was an obstacle race. It was very funny as some of the boys had a hard time getting through the race. There was a potato race, a three legged race and a spar contest. Besides these they had a crab race and some other interesting races. Three prizes were given out for the three winners in each event.

When it came supper time everybody disappeared to eat supper. When this was over the Alumni and all the graduates went up in the Assembly Hall and danced. Everybody could not go as it would have made too large a crowd in the Assembly Hall. About nine o'clock the Alumni and their friends left for their homes.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

## Instructor's Day

Through the kindness of President Arthur Adams Saturday, June 19, was set apart as "Instructor's Day." Each instructor was given the privilege of inviting friends to visit.

The visitors arrived at 1:15 p. m. and were met at the Wharf by the instructors and our band. Dinner was served on the side lawn. The tables were arranged in a hollow square. The caterers were from T. D. Cook Company. An entertainment immediately followed, to which the instructors invited the boys. This consisted of songs and humorous readings and was one of the best of the year. The day ended with a theatre boat for the instructors.

CYRUS W. DURGIN

## Outing of Dorchester Boy's Band

On June 5, 1920, Mr. Bradley invited the Dorchester Boy's Band here for a field day. Although it rained we had a good time. We made three trips with our Steamer, "Pilgrim," to get the people to the Island. After all the people had arrived, they left their wraps and bundles in the West Basement.

Later the visiting band and our band assembled together in Gardner Hall and gave a short concert. We enjoyed this very much. After this we had some sports. Among them were the three legged race, blind boxing, pie race and potato race. At the close of the sports we had a few speeches by Mr. Bradley, Rev. Mr. Pierce and Mr. H. B. Ellis, the latter being our band instructor. After lunch we had dancing in the Assembly Hall.

Thus the day passed quickly and pleasantly, although we were kept indoors by rain. We all hope Mr. Ellis can bring his band here again next year.

ALBERT ELLIS

## A Yacht Ride

On June 15, the School was invited for a ride in the Constellation, flagship of the Eastern Yacht Club, by Commodore Herbert M. Sears, brother of our Manager. The "Constellation" is a two masted auxiliary yacht. At ten o'clock we were ready at the Wharf. The launch with the "Mary Chilton" in tow took us to the yacht in two trips. As we went aboard the yacht we all shook hands with the Commodore and his brother, Mr. Philip S. Sears. Soon we began to move. We all were interested in seeing the sailors do their work. Among the Islands we passed were Long Island, Deer Island and George's Island.

About one o'clock we anchored off our Island for lunch. We had sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream, cake, and candy, besides other things. We returned about three o'clock to the Island.

We all appreciated the trip very much.

IVERS E. WINMILL

## A Trip to Concord

Through the kindness of Mr. Arthur Adams, President of the Board of Managers, the graduating class, the remaining members of the '18 and '19 class and a few instructors were given an auto ride to Concord.

On Sunday, June 20, 1920, we were taken to the South Boston Yacht Club landing. We waited a short while in front of the Yacht Club for the sight seeing busses. We went over the route of Paul Revere, through Cambridge first, and saw Washington Elm, Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges and a few other interesting places.

The next place of interest was Lexington where we saw Lexington Green. It was here that Capt. John Parker said, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war let it begin here" We were told many more interesting facts about Lexington Green.

We stopped at the Hancock-Clarke house where John Hancock and Samuel Adams were sleeping when Paul Revere rode through the country spreading the alarm that the British were coming. We saw a lot of old relics and mementos. At the house next to the Hancock-Clarke house we were served refreshments. We then went to Concord and stopped at the Old North Bridge and had our pictures taken by the statue of the Minute Man.

Coming back we went past the two colleges, past Longfellow's Home and up to Young's Hotel. Here Mr. Bradley left us with good-byes and hand shakes, as he was going on a short trip. We returned to the South Boston Yacht Club where our steamer "Pilgrim" took us to the Island.

We all want to thank Mr. Adams for our very pleasant time and good ride.

WILLIAM T. MARCUS



"The world is so full of a number of things;  
I am sure we should all be as happy as  
kings."

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Another year has passed and again a class is ready to graduate, twenty-two this time, to wear the gold and blue emblem and to have their names added to the list of alumni. All are proud to graduate, but we think that only an "old" boy, who has been here several years en-

tirely knows the true meaning of graduation, this occasion that but crowns former efforts and experiences.

Let us follow the career of an average Farm and Trades School boy who has just entered the School. Perhaps life hasn't seemed very serious to him. He comes, quite excited about going to a new school, asking, "Do the boys ride bicycles? May I go swimming whenever I like? Do we have ponies to ride? May I work on the farm?" and so on. He enters, say, the fourth class of school, and half the day he works, or he begins to learn to work—perhaps on the farm or in the kitchen. Gradually the newness wears off and life begins to look a little less exciting. Working steadily for a forenoon is a new game for him. He cannot run around anywhere as he did at home. When he came, he announced with assurance that he had come to learn to be an electrician or perhaps a printer, but strange to say, his wishes are not given proper consideration; older boys are in the Printing Office and Power House, while he scrubs the dining-room floor. On the farm other boys drive the horses while he goes out to pull weeds. One night at grade reading his name is read in the fourth grade and he has received the largest number of marks. Not that he has done anything especially bad, but he has been careless—and too many checks are the result. He was noisy when the bell rang for silence, he fooled with other boys when he should have been hustling to get his part done, and everything has counted against him. Secretly he is a little proud as well as ashamed of his distinction. Not every boy received the greatest number of marks!

A vacancy occurs in the Power House, and Smith, an older boy, is placed there, partly because he shows an aptitude for such work, and

partly because he is becoming increasingly careful and reliable, and his work looks more and more like a man's work, and less like a boy's job. There is a trip to town for three boys, and Black, Brown and White go because they have seemed to their instructors to have tried to do the right thing, and to deserve a little reward.

As time goes on, gradually it becomes plain to our boy, if he is a thoughtful boy (and we assume that like most of our boys he really is thoughtful), that he is being watched—he is being "sized up," his habits and interests noted, and his improvement perceived. He sees that as the old Bible prophets preached, here at least to the deserving comes reward, but to the undeserving comes punishment, and he begins to realize that boys who do their work well and attend to their own affairs are to be respected. From that time his tactics begin to change.

At last the day comes when he is promoted to the first class. By this time, if he is the thoughtful boy that we assumed, he is given some responsibility, and while his work is more interesting, he finds that the period of apprenticeship as a scrubber and a weeder has helped. *He has learned to work*, and he has learned a little about doing a number of different things and how to take hold of new work, a knowledge which again and again will come in useful. He is interested in a much larger number of things than he formerly was, and he now looks with a little feeling of amusement at the new boy who has so much ahead of him to learn.

This first class is quite different from the little fourth class which he entered so long ago. A few members are the same, but some have gone, and many have come in. But more marvellous is the feeling of unity, the class spirit that has developed since those early days. In

the beginning each boy stood for himself and for nothing else. Now it is no longer "mine" but "our class" and "our president" and "our teacher." The class are proud or ashamed of him as he may deserve. His wrong doing disgraces them all. The graduation exercises are looked forward to with much anxiety lest they be poorer than those of other classes. The class speakers learn their parts carefully, not only in order to do well before their families and other visitors, but in order to do their class credit.

So our course is finished, and for some of us, our days at the School are nearly over. We have had many pleasant experiences together to remember. But we are not parting from the School as much as at first we may think. Our training here may be over, but our connection has not ended. Our teachings have impressed themselves upon us so thoroughly that we shall never entirely forget them, and our School will remain in our thoughts after we leave. As members of the Alumni Association, we can and should keep in touch with the School, and by our interest and active help give back to her, as many, many of our graduates are doing, a small part of what she has given to us.

### Calendar

June 1 Planted parsley, cress, and three varieties of beans.

June 2 Manager Walter B. Foster visited the School.

Blacksmith here to shoe horses.

Planting field corn, peas and oats, and seeding back of cottages.

Hoeing the small fruit and the strawberries.

Dancing lesson in the evening. Miss Ferguson, former instructor, with five other members of the Girls City Club, here for the dancing and over night.

June 3 Seven boys visited the dentist.

Planting field corn back of cottages.

Hoeing in garden, also hoeing the small fruit and the strawberries.

June 4 Six heifers sent to pasture, through the kindness of Manager Francis Shaw.

Steamer "Pilgrim" hauled up to be painted.

Planting peas and oats, also alfalfa seed by Farm House and by Power House.

June 5 The Band of the Second Church of Dorchester, of which Howard B. Ellis, '97, is the instructor, and their friends, held their Field Day here. Present 79, including George Buchan, '97, Herbert Dudley, '16, and Wesley Angell, '17. As it was rainy, sports were held in the gymnasium, followed by dancing in the Assembly Hall.

June 6 Began to practice music for graduation.

June 7 Plowing at South End and transplanting tomatoes.

June 8 The launch "Winslow" taken to Lawley's to be looked over.

Transplanting tomatoes, cauliflower and cabbage.

Pigs put in South End pens.

June 9 Second Friends' Day. 175 guests present.

June 10 Motion pictures in the evening.

June 11 Last day of school before summer vacation.

June 12 Louis R. Croxtall, '19, discharged to his mother.

June 13 The graduating class attended the Hawe's Church in South Boston, where a Baccalaureate sermon was preached for them by Rev. Thomas M. Mark.

June 14 Yacht "Constellation" Commodore Herbert M. Sears, lying off Wharf. Manager Philip S. Sears and Commodore Herbert M. Sears visited the School. The Band serenaded the "Constellation," in the evening.

June 15 All the boys, with Mr. Bradley, Mr. Fay and Mr. Ferguson, went for a trip on the "Constellation."

June 16 Graduation. James A. Carson,

valedictorian, Bernard R. Morrill, salutatorian, and John E. Kervin, class prophet. Present Vice-President Charles E. Mason, Secretary Tucker Daland, and Managers Thomas J. Evans and Walter B. Foster, also 57 friends of the graduating class. The speaker Rev. Thomas M. Mark, of the Hawe's Church was introduced by Vice-President Charles E. Mason.

Graduation Dance in the evening. Guests, Miss Reid, William G. Cumings, '97, Warren F. Noyes, '19, and Russell A. Adams, '19.

June 17 Alumni Field Day. Rainy, so sports were held in the gymnasium. Motion pictures on Candy Making by The Walter M. Lowney Co., were shown by Howard F. Lochrie, '16, employed by that company.

Dancing until 9.30 p. m.

June 19 Instructors Day. 19 guests of instructors present. Dinner served on the lawn by the T. D. Cook Company, and entertainment afterwards in Assembly Hall by White's Entertainment Bureau. Dinner and entertainment provided for by President Arthur Adams.

June 20 Through the kindness of President Arthur Adams, the graduating class, the six members of the advanced class, Mr. Bradley and eight instructors went on a automobile excursion to Concord and Lexington.

June 21 James A. Carson '20, left the School to live with his sister at 246 Shaw St., Lowell, Mass. James expects to go to school in the fall.

Norman F. Farmer, '20, went to live with his grandmother at Shirley, Mass., and to work in the suspender factory in Shirley.

Richard H. Hall, '20, went to visit his grandparents at Quonochontaug, R. I. for the summer. In the fall he expects to go to his mother in Panama where he will attend high school. His address will be Box 66, Cristobal, C. Z., Panama.

Bernard R. Morrill, '20, left the School to work for the summer and go to high school in the fall. His address is 701 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass.

June 22 Planting corn at South End.

Picked 16 quarts of strawberries.

Albert Anderson, '20, went to live with his father and mother in Wilmington, Mass., 112 Lowell Street.

Donald W. Ellis, '20, went to live with his parents and probably attend high school in the fall. His address is 175 Springvale Avenue, Everett, Mass.

Joseph C. Scarborough, ex '22, went home to live with his mother at 736 Harrison Ave., Boston.

June 23 Frederick E. Munich, '20, went to live with his parents at 182 Black Rock Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Joseph Kervin and John E. Kervin both 1920, left the School, both to go to Philadelphia with their mother and to work there. They will attend evening school.

Arthur J. Schaefer, '20, went to live with his mother at 47 Essex, St. Cambridge, Mass. Arthur will work and attend evening high school.

Clifton H. Sears, '20, went home to live with his aunt in Dennis, Mass. He will go to work soon.

June 24 Picked 30 quarts of strawberries. Killed 30 pounds of poultry.

June 26 Mowing in orchard. Picked 60 quarts strawberries.

June 28 Mowing clover by Power House. Planting sweet corn and soy beans at South End. Picked 57 quarts of strawberries. Hived a swarm of bees.

June 29 Finished planting corn at South End. Cultivated and hoed potatoes at North End, strawberries, cabbage, peas and cauliflower. Two loads of hay from orchard.

June 30. One load of hay from orchard. Picked 62 quarts of strawberries. Set 5 rows of celery. Finished mowing clover by Power House.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

June 9 Men engaged in planting peas, turnips, etc. Sold two cows to Mr. Marshall of Neponset for \$120.00.

June 18 Went with Mrs. Morse to look at carpets. While in Pray's store witnessed a tremendous hall storm. Had it cold and wet coming home.

June 23 Mowed clover at South End. Mr S. C. Parkins, music teacher, left. Paid him in full \$ 9.00.

June 24. Very warm. Sloop General Grant—Capt. Packard—came and carried away a load of hay to South Boston. Men haying.

June 30 Picked 50 boxes strawberries. Mowed. Got in hay. Hoed potatoes, beans, etc.

### June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 91° on the 23rd.

Minimum Temperature 44° on the 18th.

Mean Temperature for the month .64

Total precipitation 3.02 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .75 inches on the 22nd.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 11 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand June 1, 1920	\$874.36
Deposited during the month	67.45
	\$941.81
Withdrawn during the month	210.21
Cash on hand July 1, 1920	\$731.60

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"We must all set our pocket watches by the clock of fate. There is a headlong, forthright tide, that bears away man with his fancies like straw, and runs fast in time and space."

Robert Louis Stevenson

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Names of Alumni present on the Field Day, June 17, follows. An account of the days' happenings will appear in a later number of the BEACON.

Adams, Russell A.  
Akerstrom, Donald B.  
Alcott, George J.  
Alcott, William and Mrs.  
    Miss Louise Alcott  
    Miss Marion Alcott  
    William J. Alcott, Jr.  
    Roger Alcott  
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    Miss Irene Varrell  
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    Miss E. Wood  
Babcock, Lorin L.  
Bell, Richard and Mrs.  
    Miss Alice Bell  
    Mrs. E. W. French  
Bemis, Elwin C.  
Brasher, Sherman G.  
    Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brasher  
    Mrs. I. M. Bennett  
    Mrs. C. L. Murch  
Buchan, George and Mrs.  
    Miss Pauline Buchan  
Calkin, Leslie M.  
Calkin, Rupert F.  
Cameron, Malcolm E.  
Capaul, Edward and Mrs.  
    Miss Myrtle Capaul  
    Mrs. Lena Burrows  
Casey, George W.  
Catton, Ernest M. and Mrs.  
Clarke, William S.  
    Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clarke  
    Miss Evelyn Clarke  
    Miss Ruth Roberts  
Cobb, Lawrence M.  
Collins, Carl H.  
Conklin, John J. and Mrs.  
    John J. Conklin, Jr.  
Cummings, William G.  
Darling, Norman W.  
    Mrs. R. E. Darling  
Davis, William F.

Dudley, Herbert L.  
Duncan, Charles  
Dutton, Almond H. and Mrs.  
    Donald Dutton  
    Mr. and Mrs. W. O. St. Couer  
Ellis, Howard B., Sr., and Jr.  
    Ruth Thoresen  
Ellis, Merton P. and Mrs.  
    Irving Ellis Jennings  
Evans, Thomas J.  
Foster, Walter B.  
Gould, Webster S.  
Graham, James H. and Mrs.  
    Miss Edith Robinson  
    Mrs. John Pettis  
Guillemin, Alexis L.  
Guillemin, Jean  
Hartmann, George K. and Mrs.  
    Mrs. M. L. Hill  
    Miss Krinski  
    Mr. Charles Honigbaum  
Haskins, Mrs. M. D.  
    Miss Esther Haskins  
    Miss Ruth Haskins  
Herman, Walter and Mrs.  
    Carl Herman  
Holman, Solomon B.  
Jacobs, Alfred W.  
    Miss Helen M. Foster  
Kirwin, Walter J.  
Larsson, G. George  
Leland, Everett B.  
Lochrie, Howard F.  
Lombard, Frank I. and Mrs.  
    Ernest Lombard  
McLeod, George B.  
    Mrs. M. McLeod  
    Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald  
Noyes, Warren F.  
    Mrs. G. L. Noyes  
    Miss Blanche Houlahan  
Sherman, John L.  
Simmons, Samuel J.  
Suarez, Nicholas M., Jr.  
Wallace, Frank W.  
Washburn, Frank L. and Mrs.  
Wilkins, Ellsworth S.  
Wyatt, Norman R.



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## Fourth of July

As July 4th came on Sunday, we celebrated it on Monday, July 5th. At 5.13 A. M. the flag was raised with a cannon salute, and "To the Colors." Nearly three quarters of an hour later, reveille was sounded. Half an hour later, an excited group of boys were gathered around the Old Elm, and went into breakfast. After breakfast the regular work was done. A little before nine Dr. Bancroft arrived. He played several games of marbles with the boys. At nine o'clock we assembled by the Stock Room door and were given flags, torpedoes, horns, candy, and programs; from here we went to the playground where the morning sports began. Cash prizes were awarded at the finish of each event. The glorious day passed quickly. A five pound box of chocolates was given to the winning side in the tug of war, by Howard F. Lochrie, '16. About eight o'clock in the evening we went to the bonfire, where redlights and sparklers were given to us. Of the day's fun, I liked the water sports best because I am fond of swimming. I feel sure every one enjoyed the celebration.

The program was as follows:

Daylight Saving Time

MORNING

5.13 Flag Raising and Cannon Salute  
Reveille  
6.30 BREAKFAST  
9.00 Distribution of Supplies  
9.30 Sports and Races on the Playground

Cross Country Run  
Obstacle Race  
Sack Race  
Blind Race  
Spider Race  
Pony Boxing  
11.30 DINNER  
12.00 Cannon Salute  
AFTERNOON  
2.00 Sports and Races on Beach Road  
100-Yard Dash over 15  
100-Yard Dash under 15  
220-Yard Dash  
Wheelbarrow race over 15  
Wheelbarrow race under 15  
Three Legged Race  
Tug of war  
3.30 Aquatic Sports by the Landing  
High Tide 3:06  
Swimming Race  
Swimming on back  
Swimming under water  
Standing Dive  
Running Dive  
Push the Barrel  
Chase the Ball  
Walking Greased Spar  
Get-away Race  
EVENING  
5:30 SUPPER  
8:24 Flag Lowering and Cannon Salute  
8:30 Bonfire  
10:00 Taps

CYRUS W. DURGIN

### Change of Work

Thursday the work was changed and I was put in the office. Every afternoon at one o'clock I go there and change my shoes and put on a pair of house shoes. Then I am ready for work. I sweep Mr. Bradley's office, then the boys' reading room, and last, the main office. When this is finished I dust all three rooms. Then the office instructor gives me extra work such as cleaning the attic, cleaning the lofts, and waxing floors. There are certain bells by which the instructor calls me. Every other Saturday I take duty. I do errands which take me to different places on the Island.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN

### Waste Paper

We do not throw our waste paper away as a good many people do. We save it. It is taken to the Storage Barn, where it is pressed very tightly and wires are put around it, and it is put up on the first landing with the other bales. When there are enough bales they are sold to someone in the city.

FREDERICK R. METCALF

### Making a Box

Lately a lot of boys have been making boxes in their playtime, so I made one. I got some wood and started to work by planing all the wood smooth. I then cut joints; when that was done I glued the parts together. I left it that night to dry, and next noon hour I worked on the bottom and top, planing these two until smooth. Then I beveled the edges to 3-16 of an inch in thickness. Then I put the top and bottom on and glued them. I set in some fancy inlaying a quarter of an inch, around the top of the box, and let it dry. I then planed the top, sides, ends, and bottom, and sandpapered them. What was to be the cover of the box was cut open on the circular saw. The hinges and the clasp were next put on. I oiled and shellacked it, and my box was done.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD

### Swarms of Bees

One day when I was mowing hay in the orchard, I heard a loud humming noise near by and it kept growing louder and louder, I looked up and saw a swarm of bees, swarming in a tree near by. I got Mr. Brown and showed them to him. He told me to stay there while he got a hive. After they had swarmed, I still heard the noise and I found another swarm, and also told him about these. We got one of the swarms.

JOHN GOODHUE, JR.

### A Trip to Revere Beach

On my vacation I went to Revere Beach. As I only had a dollar I had to spend my money wisely because a dollar does not last long at Revere. I first went on a roller coaster called the "Dragons Gorge." After I went into the place I got into one of the cars. After the cars were quite well filled we started. The first thing we did was to go up a big incline. When we got to the top we went around a curve and shot down through the tunnel. The incline was so steep it almost took my breath away. After I came out I went into various other amusements that they have. I enjoyed the day and had quite a lot of fun out of my dollar.

ROBERT J. GIESE

### My Work in the Sewing Room

Five afternoons a week I go into the sewing room. Sometimes I mate stockings or draw them together for darning. Other days I do hand sewing on the old clothes or on the underwear and shirts.

The work I like best is hand sewing. I take the black thread, a needle and a pair of scissors and begin on a pair of pants. First I look at the fly and tighten the buttons and button holes, then I look at the pockets and so on around the whole pair. Then I look at the legs and if there is a patch to be put on, I put the garment on the patch pile. Or if there is darning I put it in the darning basket. I do not repair many clothes but I do as many as I can.

CHARLES N. ROBBINS

## A trip to see the S. S. George Washington

One Sunday afternoon, Mr. Bradley announced that we would go for a barge ride. We each had a bag of peanuts and a little skull cap, made of stripes of different colors. We marched down to the Wharf and got on the boat and went over to the South Boston Yacht Club where some people got off. We started on again (still eating our peanuts) and went over to the "George Washington." The President went to France and returned on that boat. She is a very large boat, with two large smoke stacks. While we were looking at the ship, I saw three destroyers. The "George Washington" was lying near the Army Supply Base. We went further on, and saw another big boat named the "City of Lincoln." It was a foreign ship. Then we started back. On our way back, we saw "The Guardian," a police boat. It whistled three times as a salute, and our steamer answered the salute. Soon we came to our Wharf. We marched up to the house and changed our clothes, and had our supper. I had a fine time and I hope all the others did. After supper we began to change hats to get the colors we wanted, that is, the boys on each base-ball team wanted the same color.

HOWARD E. KEITH

## My Work in the Printing Office

In the afternoon when I go out to the printing office there are many things for me to do. First I get a pail of warm water. After this is done I usually ask the instructor what I shall do. Sometimes he tells me to "set up" some articles for the "Beacon," which is our School paper. First I get a stick which is a steel frame about six inches long and two inches wide. I then get an article and set it up. This work I like very much as it teaches me to be quick and accurate. Other times I "throw in" type, that is, I distribute type that has been used into the different type cases. Often, after we have been using the printing presses, I take the gasoline can and a cloth and clean the ink off the type and rollers.

Another job that I like is that of running the printing press. I like it very much, but as I am a new boy in the printing office I don't get it very often. Some other work I do is to run errands, keep the benches and floor clean, to straighten out the lead cases and other miscellaneous work.

I like my work very much as it teaches me to be careful and to see mistakes that otherwise I might not notice. But most of all I like it because it is preparing me for a good position when I get out in the world.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

## Quarterly Election

On the evening of July 6 Cottage Row Government held its quarterly election. First the share-holders of Cottage Row voted, and then the non-share holders. The ballots were then taken up to the Reading Room and sorted. The results were listed and put up on the bulletin board the next morning. The officers are as follows:

Judge, John Goodhue Jr., Mayor, Waldo E. Libby; Share Holding Aldermen, Kenneth E. Kearns, Ralph M. Rogers, Richard H. Hanson; Non Share Holding Aldermen, Willis M. Smith, Samuel L. Whitehead; Treasurer, Theodore B. Hadley; Assessor, Philip F. Leary; Clerk, Daniel E. Smith; Chief of Police, James B. Rouse; Lieutenant, John M. Ely; Sergeant, Ralph L. Langille; Patrolmen, John E. Robertson, Adolph A. Lammi, William H. Waring, Albert Ellis, Malcolm E. Cameron; Librarian, Charles D. Smith, Street Commissioner, Kenneth L. Drown. Janitor, Paul F. Reid.

WALDO E. LIBBY

## Somebody

Somebody did a golden deed;  
Somebody proved a friend in need;  
Somebody sang a beautiful song;  
Somebody smiled the whole day long;  
Somebody thought, 'Tis sweet to live';  
Somebody said, 'I'm glad to give';  
Somebody fought a valiant fight;  
Somebody lived to shield the right;  
Was that "somebody" you? — *Berton Braley*

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This month our nation celebrates its 144th birthday.

The successful ending of the struggle which resulted in the birth of a republic in 1776 was due very largely to the marked leadership of one

who had won the admiration and respect of the colonists during experiences that had greatly shaken their faith in men, and tried their souls almost beyond endurance. That man was George Washington.

Why should Washington have been singled out for this honor over others? What training had this brilliant and resourceful young man? What warranted such trust in him that he should be chosen the head of a new nation in a time of great crisis? What equipment did he possess that should enable him to steer the ship of state safely? A good home? Yes, and that means much. Helpful environment,—books, friends, social life? Unquestionably. Schooling, study of books, money, etc? Maybe, to some degree. But these were by no means all. There were within himself certain qualities without which all these external influences would be useless. One of these qualities is best illustrated in the following incident.

When Washington was quite young there lived near him a very wealthy man who owned so much land he did not know where it began or left off. One day he told Washington, who had studied surveying, to mark off his boundaries. So over the hills and into the woods the young surveyor went on his lonely and dangerous task. After some weeks he brought out a map of the boundary lines which he presented to his wealthy employer.

Many years went by. The wood lands were cut down and roads put through. The men then owning the land wanted new maps drawn of their property, so experts were employed to do the work. When it was finished they found that the lines made years before by young George Washington were exactly right and not a line had to be changed.

Alone in the woods with no one to see, working for a man to whom a few acres more or less would mean nothing, the future leader might have gotten by with less effort on his part. But no! He did his work straight. He had set for himself a 100 per cent standard and would not lower it, whether he were working alone or in the sight of the whole world. It was this spirit in all his life that gave the people their confidence in George Washington. It was this which, in no small degree, made it possible for him to succeed in the seemingly impossible task that was his.

So it has been that other lives, minus many of the so-called advantages, cramped in finances and schooling, and apparently lacking opportunities, have made good in their place just as truly as did Washington in his, because they did all their work as carefully and conscientiously as though the whole world saw.

In this spirit the nation was born, and all the great things that she has accomplished since have been made possible because of an army of noble men and women who always made it a practice to do the best that was in them whether the immediate task was small or great, in the lime-light or in obscurity.

We are living in the greatest period of the world's history. With the great work of reconstruction before us, men who stand for something worth while and who can be counted on to do things will be at a premium. Every life has something it can contribute. What that contribution shall be will vary according to the gifts and abilities of each, but let us be very sure of this: there can be no better preparation for our work than to acquire the habit of doing everything as though it were to be seen of all men.

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## Calendar

July 1 George W. Vincent, '20, left the School to live with his mother.

Mowing clover below orchard. Hoeing potatoes at North End. Two loads of hay put in barn.

Motion pictures at night.

July 2 Put in four loads of clover from near Power House. Picked 30 quarts strawberries.

July 3 One load of hay put in.

July 5 Independence Day Celebration. Cannon salute at 5:13 A.M. Sports on the playground in the morning, and water sports and races on Beach Road in the afternoon. Bonfire at South End in the evening.

Dr. Bancroft here, also Graduates Sherman G. Brasher, '77, Edwin F. Brasher, '77, Walter Carpenter, '99, Howard F. Lochrie, '16, and friend.

Four puppies born to "Babe," the fox terrier

July 7 Sixty-three boys went on an eight day furlough.

July 8 Thomas L. Unwin, '20, left the School to go to work and to live with his mother at 154 Belmont Street, Malden.

A yearling Guernsey bull came.

Picking cherries and wild strawberries.

July 9 Mrs. White—formerly Miss Longley—former instructor, visited the School.

Mr. Charles M. Green of the General Electric Co., and man from Frank Ridlon Co., here to look at generator.

July 11 Launch ride for instructors and boys not on furlough to see the Japanese and the Danish warships at Commonwealth Pier.

July 14 Admission Committee Meeting. The following boys were admitted on trial: Gunnar Emmanuel Anderson, James Hudson Beattie, Walter Hammond Curtis, Henry Elwin Gilchrist, Eugene Crian Horsey, Howard Edwin Keith, Edward Lovelace McAlister, Robert Lawrence McAlister, Herbert Edward Noble, Edward Valdemar Osberg, Harry Nelson Perkins, George Harry Rose, and Herbert Eldridge Wright.

July 15 Manager Ralph B. Williams visited the School.

Boys returned from their furloughs at 4:00 P. M.

July 16 Manager Walter B. Foster here examining wharf piling.

Spraying potatoes and hoeing corn. Two oads of hay in.

July 17 Five loads of hay in.

Mr. Ferris took the five boys who had no furlough to Revere Beach.

July 20 Two loads of hay brought in.

July 21 School opened.

Two loads of hay and buckwheat by orchard put in.

July 22 Eugene C. Horsey and Harry N. Perkins returned to their people.

Four loads of hay put in barn.

Motion pictures in the evening.

July 23 An automobile trip along the North Shore for those of the instructors who did not go on the Concord and Lexington trip. Visited the "House of Seven Gables" in Salem. This trip provided for by our President, Arthur Adams.

Two loads of hay put in.

July 24 Two loads of hay put in.

July 25 Sunday. Mr. Arthur Beane, former instructor, with family, visited the School.

A barge ride to the navy-yard for instructors and boys. Saw the "George Washington" at Commonwealth Pier.

July 26 Three loads of hay in.

July 27 Manager Walter B. Foster here, with Mr. William H. Ellis, of the W. H. Ellis Co. here to consult about the Wharf.

No school, boys weeding in gardens, also seven instructors who volunteered.

Blacksmith here in the morning, and the veterinary in the afternoon, who operated on horse "Dennis," and snipped puppies tails.

Three loads of hay put in.

July 28 No school, and weeding continued. Spraying potatoes.

Three loads of hay brought in.

Man here to measure for new window shades as needed.

July 29 Three loads of hay brought in.

Motion pictures in the evening, "The Battle of Elderbush Gulch."

July 30 Painting rooms.

Two loads of hay brought in.

July 31 Mowing oats at South End.

Four loads of hay brought in.

Frank A. Crowe, ex '21, returned to his mother.

Leslie H. Barker, '13, visited the School in the afternoon.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

July 4 Ushers in the "Glorious Fourth." Boys called at 5 1-2. Breakfast of rolls and cake. Dinner, roast veal, green peas, etc. Swims—sails—lemonade. Supper of cakes, followed by antiques and horribles and fireworks. The day passed very pleasantly and happily to all concerned.

July 6 Morn fine. Commenced mowing good grass. Wind changed to east. Signs of rain. Poor hay weather.

July 9 Fine, and we have improved it, too, by getting in a large lot of hay.

July 10 A perfect day. Mr. S. G. Deblois and Father Cleaveland visited us. Mr. C. though in his 98th or 99th year was remarkably clear and entertaining, and seemed to enjoy his visit very much.

July 14 This has been a splendid hay day. Got in 11 loads from sheep hill and near house.

July 15 Secured 10 loads of hay. Cut rye.

July 17 Sunday. A lovely day. All passed a quiet day. We rested.

July 21 Mowed the last of our English grass. We have been successful in securing our crops notwithstanding the weather.

### July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the 31st.  
 Minimum Temperature 58° on the 3rd and  
 28th.

Mean Temperature for the month 71°.

Total precipitation .01 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .01 inches  
 on the 3rd.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation,  
 12 clear days, 17 partly cloudy, 2 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand July 1, 1920	\$731.60
Deposited during the month	153.45
	\$885.05
Withdrawn during the month	57.60
Cash on hand August 1, 1920	\$827.45

### A Pleasant Time

While most of the boys were on their vacations Mr. and Mrs. Brown gave a party to the boys who did not go on vacations. The party was given in the evening of July 13. When all was ready the boys carried the food and water to the north end of the Island where a fire was made. When the fire started to go down, we were given bread to toast, bacon to fry, and buns. When these were eaten we were given marshmallows. We sharpened some sticks on which to put the bacon and marshmallows, and then we toasted and ate them. Before we started back we were given sticks to burn to keep the mosquitoes away. We had a very pleasant evening.

ERIC O. SCHIPPERS

### A Good Friend

I work on the farm in the afternoon and whenever I have time I go down to pat my favorite horse, Dolly Gray.

When I got my bundle Christmas, I gave Dolly Gray some Christmas candy. She liked it very much, and when I pat her, she chews a button on my coat. She will shake hands with me and put her head over my shoulder.

I think she is a very good friend, and we like each other very much. The next time I have candy I am going to put it in my pocket and see if she can find it.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON

### Grade Reading

Every Monday night there is grade reading. In winter the grade is read in Chapel, in the summer time out under the Old Elm or in the Assembly Room. If a boy is in the fourth grade without being checked he gets into the third grade. It is the same from third to second and and second to first. The boys in the first grade get privileges, such as swimming or coasting, every day in the week. The boys in the second grade have these special privileges on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and the boys in the third grade on Saturdays. The fourth graders have to work in their playtime and have no privileges.

After the grade reading Mr. Bradley tells us some of the news of the week. Grade reading night is often very interesting to us.

IVERS E. WINMILL

### Mowing Lawns

The lawns have to be kept mowed on our Island. Everyone has a share in mowing lawns. We have three large lawn mowers and two small ones. One day, there was no school and I was told to mow lawns. I took the lawn mower that I thought was the best. I started to mow on the front lawn. The way we mow is to take strips across the lawn and lap over half each time. This way no ragged edges can be seen as each grass strip is left and it makes the lawn look smooth. I mowed until the bell rang.

DONALD MCKENZIE

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"We build the ladder by which we rise.  
 . . . And we mount to the summit round by round."

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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### Annual Field Day

Again this year unfavorable weather prevailed for the annual field day of the Alumni Association on June 17, but despite that circumstance the old reliable School management proved equal to the occasion, and the program arranged for the day made it one of the most enjoyable in the history of these events.

The attendance was slightly over 100, of whom 52 were graduates, and 55 were guests. The Pilgrim was used to convey the visitors from City Point to the Island, and although several trips were necessary, everybody was transported comfortably through the easterly storm.

The business meeting of the association was brief, and was held in the Assembly Hall. William Alcott, the president, presided; Richard Bell, the treasurer, presented to Mr. Bradley, for the Board of Managers, the sum of \$350 to be added to the Alumni Fund, which brought the total up to \$3475. Walter B. Foster, chairman of the Alumni Fund Committee, and graduate representative on the Board of Managers, spoke earnestly of the purpose of the fund. Samuel J. Simmons, a graduate of 1852, spoke of boyhood recollections, and Superintendent Bradley told of the progress of the year. A collection among the graduates for the purpose of providing Mr. Bradley with a fund for special and emergency uses of the boys, netted \$78.00.

Being unable to picnic on the lawns, tables were spread in the southwest basement, lovingly nicknamed "The Rathskeller," and there both at noon and at the supper hour the company brought their baskets and boxes and spent two very pleasant sessions. Hot coffee, cold milk

and tonics were supplied for all, while for those who had not brought their own picnic lunch, sandwiches were served.

The athletic contests and sporting events, participated in by the undergraduates, were held in Gardner Hall, and for more than an hour evoked hilarious laughter for the spectators. Cash prizes furnished by the alumni, were awarded in every event. Then nearly everybody went over to the Assembly Hall, where movie films were shown by Howard F. Lochrie, '16, and this was followed by a band concert and dancing. After supper there was more dancing and community singing, and it was hard indeed to break off the festivities and take departure.

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JOSEPH J. COLSON, '85, one of the earliest members of the Boston Musicians Union, and a well known cornetist, died May 21, at his home, 76 Sunnyside Ave., Winthrop, after an illness of many months, aged 51.

Born in Boston, he entered The Farm and Trades School in 1879 and upon graduation in 1885, took up music as a profession. For more than 25 years he was cornet soloist at Keith's Theatre and Gordon's Olympia in Boston. During the war he was employed at the Charlestown Navy yard, until his health failed.

He is survived by a wife, who was Edith Ball of East Boston, and by three children, the eldest of whom is Melvin E. Colson, who went overseas with the 101st Infantry, and in France was commissioned a first lieutenant, and served with the 146th Infantry. He is also survived by two brothers, Fred, who is a musician on the U. S. S. Connecticut, and Charles of Whitman, also a musician, both graduates of this School.



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## Printing the Beacon

The Beacon is made up of articles which the boys write during their school hours. They write about their work, play and various other things concerning the School and this is part of their English and spelling lessons. After the teachers correct the articles, they are sent to the Office where they are looked over and the best ones picked out and sent to the Printing Office. Here they are again looked over and made ready for composing. The heading is set in 10 point Bradley, caps and lower case and the body in 10 point Cushing caps and lower case. Proofs are then taken on the proof press and are proof read, and errors and changes to be made are marked. After these errors have been corrected, another proof is taken and sent to the Office, where they are again proof read and sent back to the Printing Office and the corrections are made according to the corrected proof.

The type is now ready to be put into pages. This is one of the most important and interesting features. The pages are 50 ems long and 33 ems wide. It is planned to put in as many interesting articles as there is room for, and to represent as many different boys as possible. Besides boys' articles there are the managers' list, editorial, calendar, meteorology, bank statement and alumni notes. A verse or quotation is usually put in on the lower right hand corner of page seven or page three. As soon as the paging is done comes the imposing or locking

the pages into a chase. Two pages are "locked up" at a time, making four forms in all. The type is now ready for the press. The large press which is a Colts Armory Universal is used for this and takes a form 14 by 22 inches. Power is furnished by a two horse power electric motor which gives the press 1500 impressions an hour on high speed, 1,000 at half and 600 at low. Pages 1 and 8 are printed first then 4 and 5, then 2 and 7, and 3 and 6, this giving time for each form to dry, before printing the next one. About 1050 Beacons are printed, making 2100 sheets to handle. When they are dry, the folding and inserting is started; this is quick work as there is only one fold on each sheet. As soon as there is a good pile folded, they are stitched. A Boston Wire Stitcher using number 25 wire does the stitching. This machine is run by the same motor by which the presses are run. It is a very serviceable machine, easy to operate and does very good work.

After the stitching is finished, the Beacons are counted out in piles of 25, and are put through the cutter which takes a quarter of an inch off the top and bottom, and an eighth of an inch off the side.

The Beacons are now finished and sent to the Office where they are again folded in the middle and wrapped, addressed and stamped, ready to be sent out in the mail, given to the boys and instructors and a few put on file.

JAMES B. ROUSE

### Mr. Adam's Funeral

Mr. Melvin O. Adams, a well known member of the Board of Managers, died suddenly Monday evening, Aug. 9, 1920. His funeral was arranged for Thursday. The services were held at King's Chapel Boston, and a group of boys to represent The Farm and Trades School, was chosen to attend the services. At 7:15 A. M. we put on our uniforms, shined our shoes, etc, and went to the Reading Room to wait till all was ready. We were soon at City Point where we boarded a Boston car. We arrived at the church at about 10:15 A. M. where we were assigned seats in a pew situated on the right hand balcony. The services began at 10:30 A. M. They were brief, but impressive. There was no music save the organ preceding and following the services. At the close, we started for City Point reaching there about 11:15 A. M. Mr. Adams was a well known man of Boston and was president of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad. He was one of the best managers of our time and was a great friend to this School. Our flag was at half mast in honor of his memory, for three days.

RALPH H. SWENSON

### A Baseball Game

One of the best ball games we have had this year was played on Sept. 4, 1920. This game was between teams A and C. When the game started team A was the first to bat.

Neither side scored for the first four innings. In the fifth inning team A scored two runs and we, team C, scored two runs. In their half of the sixth they scored four runs and in our half we scored one run. With the score 6-3 against us the outlook was very gloomy. At the beginning of the seventh they scored one run,—7-3, against our team! Nevertheless we fought and scored two runs. Then the game ended as it was only a seven inning game and they won 7-5. It was a hard fought game. The captains were Luke W. B. Halfyard and myself.

WALDO E. LIBBY

### Coal Supply

Aug. 12, the barge Pocasset of the Maritime Coal Co. came here with some screenings and hard coal. They made fast to the south side of the Wharf and by the aid of a boom they hoisted on to the Wharf a hopper. The boom which had a grab on the end of it would go into the barge and fill up with coal. Then the engineer would push a lever and the grab would rise into the hopper and return for more. There were four one horse tipcarts and one two horse tipcart brought into action. A boy would lead a horse down to the Wharf and under the chute and the coal would come from the hopper into the chute and then into the cart. We would fill the one horse tipcarts about three quarters full and the two horse cart full. We would then go up to the scales by the barn and have it weighed. The weight would be from eight hundred to eighteen hundred pounds. We would then take the coal to the coal pile by the Boat House or to the Power House or woodceller. After the barge was emptied which took a few days it returned for a load of soft coal. The second load of 400 tons reached here Friday, Aug. 20. It was emptied Monday afternoon. The men except the fireman, went home every night while working here. When dinner or supper came the boys who worked on the coal came up black. They would take a bath and put on clean clothes.

RALPH M. ROGERS

### The Crescent Cottage

The Crescent Cottage is the third cottage from the lower end of Cottage Row. I own a share in it with two other boys. We decorate the cottage with pennants, vases, or any other pretty things. At the north side we have a wall seat with a cupboard. We can invite our friends down there on Friend's Days. Most of the cottages look like real houses. We have windows, rugs, telephones, pictures, tables, chairs, and all the things of a regular house. I like our cottage very much.

DESMOND ANDERSON

### My New Work

One day some new boys came to the School. About a week after that, one of them was put in the dining-room to work in my place. I had been in there almost a year, so I was glad to go somewhere else.

I hoped my next job was to be carpentry, but evidently there was no place for me, for I found myself on the farm. Some days I hoe weeds, but when the coal came I helped to unload it. The first day I helped push the coal into the manholes; the next day I drove a horse which carried coal to the coal pile.

When the coal was unloaded we had other things to do, such as gathering vegetables or getting millet for the cows. My outdoor job makes me feel more tired, but I know I have done my bit. I like to work outside.

BARTON N. SLADE

### Swimming

Swimming is one of the boys' best sports. The first graders can go in every day, the second on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, the third on Saturday and Sunday only, and the fourth can't go in at all.

When we are going to have a swim we form in line and go down to the shore. We undress on the grass facing the beach. As soon as we get down there Mr. Brown blows a whistle for us to undress and then one for us to go in. The boys that can swim usually dive off the Wharf and swim out to the float. On the float is a diving board on which the boys have great times. After we have been in a while Mr. Brown blows four long blasts on the whistle. This means that our time is up and to come in and dress.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

### The Band Practice

Each boy is supposed to practise at least three hours during each week. Our time for each day is put down on a list which is posted. At the beginning of each week a new list is put

up, and the week's record is put on a larger list. The fourth graders have a chance to practice every day.

Any boy who does not have at least three hours' practice probably would be checked.

ARTHUR W. GAUNT

### Morning Routine in the Laundry

At the laundry in the morning, there are three regular boys, and one extra boy to help until school time.

On Monday morning when the boys enter the laundry the three regular boys go to the wash tubs, and wash parts of the instructors' clothing while the other boy sorts the boys' clothes. When this is done the instructors' sheets and flatwork are washed quite enough, so the washer is stopped and the clothes are taken out and put in the extractor, or wringer, where they stay 10 minutes or over. When 10 minutes is up, they are put into the tumbler, or drier, and shaken out; then they are put through the press ironer, and folded. The boys' sheets are then put through the process and that ends our work for Monday.

Tuesday, two boys who can iron best, iron instructors' clothing while I run the machinery, and do the boys' clothes.

Wednesday is cleaning day. The brass is polished, the machinery and shafting cleaned, the tables and washers scrubbed, the floor swept and other things done. When that is accomplished we "start up," and begin on the waiters' coats, and aprons. I run the collar press which irons the collars, and fronts of the coats, while another boy runs the body iron, and irons the body part of the coat, and the third boy does the finishing up and the sleeves. If there is time after this, the instructor has us deliver the instructors' clothes.

Thursday, we do the boys towels, handkerchiefs and socks. There are also some instructors' things left to be done.

CYRUS W. DURGIN.

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Mr. Melvin Ohio Adams, for 20 years a member of the Board of Managers of The Farm and Trades School, died at his home in Boston on August 9, in his 70th year.

Born on November 7, 1850, the son of a

farmer, in Ashburnham, Mass., he attended the common schools of his native town and an academy at New Ipswich, N. H., a few miles away. At the age of 17 he entered Dartmouth College and graduated four years later, with an ambition to become a lawyer. In order to obtain money for the purpose of study, he took up school teaching, and was able at the same time to read law in an office in Fitchburg. In three years he was ready for the law school, and went to Boston, where he entered Boston University, and was graduated in 1875. He was admitted to the bar the same year, and within a short time was invited to become an assistant district attorney for Suffolk County, a position he accepted and held for 10 years, retiring to enter private practice with the late Augustus Russ. Mr. Adams early made a reputation as a ready and effective speaker, and he was considered one of the best jury lawyers at the bar. In 1904 he accepted an appointment from President Roosevelt as United States District Attorney for Massachusetts.

Since 1891 he had been president of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad, and he made the little system not only successful financially, but popular with the public because of its efficient and satisfactory service.

Yet these facts of biography do not portray the worth of the character of Mr. Adams. He was intensely loyal in his devotions. He was a lover of humanity. He found deepest joy in helping his fellow men. Few men have asserted their loyalty as he did. In his railroad enterprise, whose good name was on everybody's lips, he found opportunity to develop ideas long cherished. Every summer he was able to give employment to scores of students working their way through college (and a preponderance from his own Dartmouth College), and every young man so employed who made good gave him a satisfaction which he delighted to express. He showed his loyalty to his native town of Ashburnham and his college alma mater by giving their names to two of the ferryboats of the railroad company.

His interest in The Farm and Trades School and in its graduates was deep and constant. Often it was his advice and his help which relieved an emergency, and he was ever ready to help. In his professional capacity as attorney he was able with tact and sincerity to present the moral claims of this school upon persons of wealth. In the gatherings of the alumni no one was more welcome than he, and his addresses, especially at the recent annual dinners, were sources of inspiration. At the last annual dinner of the Alumni Association he spoke with emphatic indorsement of the suggestion, broached earlier by another speaker, to have a larger representation of the alumni on the Board of Managers, a suggestion which later received his approval in the meeting of the Board, when two alumni representatives were elected thereto.

Mr. Adams will be missed in many circles, but in none will the loss be more seriously felt than in the circle of interests centering in The Farm and Trades School.

### Calendar

August 1 Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Shaw, former instructors, here for over Sunday.

August 2 Putting in hay from South End.

Weeding in garden.

August 3 Howard F. Lochrie, '16, here to spend his vacation and help as needed.

August 4 Veterinary here in the afternoon.

Cutting out by Farm House corn stalks infested by European corn borer.

August 5 Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '97, with Mr. George D. Bourcy visited the School, also Erwin L. Coolidge, ex '16.

Motion pictures in the evening.

August 6 Third Friends' Day. Present, 200 guests.

Mowing by east side meadow with machine; boys mowing by hand.

August 7 Theodore Miller, '09, here for the afternoon.

August 9 Manager Melvin O. Adams died

Mowing oats on Oak Knoll.

August 10 200 tons screenings came, also 50 tons stove coal.

August 11 Admission Day. Seven boys were admitted as follows: Clifton Ellsworth Albee, Robert Harlan Carney, William Earl Ericsson, William Rollin Holman, James Edward Hughes, Roger Kinsman Smith, and Raymond Thomas. Five came directly to the School.

August 12 Funeral of Manager Melvin O. Adams. Mr. Bradley, with Miss Winslow, Elwin C. Bemis, '16, and Howard F. Lochrie, '16, and nine boys attended from the School. The managers were represented by President Arthur Adams and Walter B. Foster, Mr. Foster being also an alumnus. The Alumni also were represented by William Alcott, '84, Merton P. Ellis, '97, Richard Bell, '73, Soloman B. Holman, '50, Edward A. Moore, '79, and John F. Peterson, '95.

Two boys admitted on August 11th, William Rollin Holman and Roger Kinsman Smith, came to the School.

Motion pictures in the evening.

August 13 New boys measured for new uniforms.

August 14 Howard F. Lochrie, '16, left. Chester T. Smith, ex '21, here to spend Sunday.

Mowing oats in back of Cottages and by Back Road.

August 16 Clarence W. Loud, '96, with his wife and three children, spent the day at the School.

Boys out of school, and weeding for a few days.

August 18 President Arthur Adams visited the School.

August 19 Second barge containing 400 tons of soft coal came.

Motion pictures in the evening.

August 20 Franklin P. Miller, '18, came to visit for a few days and help as needed.

August 21 Manager, Dr. Henry Jackson visited the School.

August 24 Man from Mutual Boiler Insurance Company here to inspect the "Pilgrim's" boiler.

Drawing in oats.

Walter I. Tassinari, '14, here for overnight.

August 25 Dr. Bancroft here, and vaccinated 15 boys.

Drawing in oats.

August 26 Motion pictures in the evening.

August 28 Ralph H. Swenson, Ex '21, left the School to help his father. Ralph will work for the Hood Rubber Company, and attend continuation school. He lives at 194 Dudley Street, Roxbury, Mass.

August 30 Mr. Beadle, of the Electric Storage Battery Company here to examine storage battery.

Man from S. H. Couch Company here to put in order the local telephones.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

August 8. 'Tis trying weather. My men are threshing barley.

August 10. Joseph went to get oxen and horses shod at Quincy. The School continues about the same every day. As many boys as can be employed to advantage on the farm and about the house, are so employed every day. The remainder are in School.

August 27. Gave all of the boys play. Went to South End and had a game of ball.

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### August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the 9th.

Minimum Temperature 59° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 69.°

Total precipitation .10 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 2 hours .10 inches.

One days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 2 clear days, 29 partly cloudy, 0 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1920	\$827.45
Deposited during the month	32.42
	\$859.87
Withdrawn during the month	31.29
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920	\$828.58

### Our Language Pledge

The boys of my class made a language pledge on September 15, 1920; the pledge is:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the language for which it stands, the English language, which I pledge myself to speak and write more correctly and a little better each day."

I think it is a very good pledge. We all said we would try to remember the pledge and correct ourselves every time we made a mistake in writing or speaking. We are trying to write better each day. We will stick to the pledge and so improve our English.

WILLIAM R. HOLMAN

### Rowing Practice

One day the captain of the boat crew asked how many of the crew wanted to go out in the "Chilton;" many of the fellows wanted to, but the captain picked out nine. We went down to the Boat House and got the rollers in place. We then launched the boat and pulled away. We rowed around until eight o'clock. We had some fine practice. The captain took charge of the crew but gave the other three officers a turn at the tiller. We made very good progress and hope to go out again soon.

JOHN M. ELY

### Mosquitoes

A mosquito lays its eggs on the surface of the water, in ditches, old tin cans and in low places in the ground where water settles. To stop their breeding, gas oil is sprinkled on. This forms a coating on the surface of the water stopping the larvae from getting air which of course kills them. There are five boys who have charge of the oiling of these breeding places, and I am one.

CHARLES D. SMITH

## A Corn Roast

Wednesday evening, September 15, a notice was posted on the bulletin board reading: "There will be a corn roast tonight at eight o'clock." Everybody was excited. I went down and helped get wood for the fires, putting it in two piles. At eight o'clock we marched down to the beach where Mr. Bradley was. Benches were brought down and we sat and sang until the fires were ready.

Soon somebody said, "Line up for corn." There was a dash for a line. When we got our corn we stuck the end of our stick into it and held it in the fire till it was roasted good; then we put some butter and salt on it. Oh! but wasn't it dandy! I ate quite a few ears and I couldn't eat any more. Roasting one ear I burnt my hand and it stung. I enjoyed the corn roast very much and I think all the other boys did.

HOWARD E. KEITH

## Our Bees

The other day a man came to look at our bees. I was given the privilege of watching him. He took a smoker and put it near the hive, and began smoking the bees. We have two hives of bees; the first had no bees in it. He told us that when a hive of bees died it was best to lock the hive, because there were robbers among bees as well as people.

We then opened the second hive. He found the comb had plenty of honey, but the bees needed pollen. When the dandelions come they will be able to get some.

The third comb had the queen in it. There is one queen in each hive, also a number of kings or drones. The drones do no work, and have larger cells than the workers. The queen does the hardest work of the hive for she lays 3000 to 5000 eggs a day.

The workers or citizens of the hive are smaller than the drones or queen. These bees gather all the honey, wax and pollen. I enjoyed listening and watching the bee man very much.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON

## How Dell caught a Rat

One of our dogs, Del, is a very fine fox terrier. One morning I saw him going along a bank. He took a sniff of every hole he passed. At last he came to the hole he was looking for. He sniffed and sniffed. He then began to dig, so I helped him to dig his hole. After awhile he took another sniff and went on with his digging. He dug in so far that you could not see him if you stood on the top of the hill or on the road. The hole was about 1-2 a foot in diameter, about two feet along the bank and about a foot into the bank. At last he got to the end of the hole and out he jumped with a rat in his mouth. Del likes to dig rats. It is very comical to watch him. I like to dig rats too.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

## The Fourth Grade

When a boy gets in the fourth grade he has no time to do the things he would like to do. He works his play time except on Sunday, and is liable to be called on anytime to do a small job. He has to sit on a bench all by himself when he is not at work. He loses all the pleasures the other grades enjoy, and has to go to bed early. I do not think it pays to be a fourth grader.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

## Mixing Paint

This morning the paint shop instructor and I mixed paint to use on the barn. We first took a keg that holds about 15 gallons and put into it 100 pounds of "Dutch boy" white lead, 3 gallons of linseed oil and 1 1-2 gallons of turpentine and mixed them all together. It will take about six hundred pounds of white lead to paint the barn. First we will put on a priming coat and then a finishing coat.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

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"To live is sometimes very difficult, but it is never meritorious in itself; and we must have a reason to allege to our own conscience why we should continue to exist upon the crowded earth."

Stevenson

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SAMUEL J. SIMMONS, '51, one of the two oldest living graduates of the School, both of whom were present at the annual dinner of January last, has a Civil War record as follows:

His name is upon the Muster-out-Roll of Co. K, 15th Regt. Mass. Volunteer Infantry—Col. Devens; he enlisted on the 1st day of July, 1861, and mustered into the service of the United States on the 12th day of July, 1861, where he served for three years. He was mustered out on the 28th day of July, 1864.

He received his first promotion after his first battle of Balls Bluff, and was promoted to Corporal-Sergeant after the battle of Antietam where the 15th Regiment lost more killed and mortally wounded than any other regiment on the field. He was made 1st sergeant after the battle of Gettysburg, when on the 3rd of July he was wounded while leading his company against Pickett's charge. He commanded his company at Bristoe Station, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, where at the Bloody Angle, he was wounded, losing part of his left hand. He served in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac from 1861 to May 12, 1864. He was never sick for an hour or off duty except when wounded.

JOSEPH J. COLSON, '85, a well-known cornetist died on May 20th at his home in Winthrop. Mr. Colson studied instrumental music here at the School, and after his graduation took up music as a profession. For over 25 years he was cornet soloist at Keith's Theatre and Gordon's Olympia in Boston. During the war he was employed at the Charlestown Navy-yard until his health failed. He was one of the earliest members of the Boston Musicians' Union. He is survived by a wife, three children and two brothers.

ELKANAH D. LEBLANC, '97, recently has been transferred from Division 14 of the Police Force to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

HOWARD A. DELANO, '13, visited the School this year for the first time since his graduation. After he left the School, Howard went to work on a farm in Ludlow, Vt., for his uncle, W. J. Delano. He remained there for four years and after a year spent on another farm in Ludlow, he went to Cornish, Maine, where he has a sister. He is now employed on a large dairy farm in Cornish.

LESTER E. COWDEN, '16, left us in the summer of 1916, and went to work as a mechanic for the Taft Pierce Mfg. Co., and has remained there up to the present time, with the exception of two and one half years when he was in the service. He was in the 11th Machine Gun Battalion, 4th Division, 7th Brigade, and ranked as a mechanic. He had 15 months over seas' service.

Lester visited the School on April 3rd. He is now leaving the Taft Pierce Mfg. Co. and is going to the Michigan State Auto School. His home address is 54 Snow Street, Woonsocket, R. I.

HUBERT N. LEACH, '16, upon leaving the School, went to work upon a farm, where he remained until he entered the service. He was in the Headquarters Co., 11th Infantry, 5th Division, 9th Brigade, and was in the service for 18 months. He is now employed as machinist by the Merrimac Chemical Company. His address is 7 Hubbard Road, Dorchester.

SIDNEY C. VARNEY, '16, who is in the Navy, sends us a card from Colon. He had recently arrived at Barbados from Gibraltar.



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### The Trading Company

All boys want things of which they can make good use and they like to buy these things themselves. The Trading Company was started so the boys could buy articles that they wanted, also to teach the boys to spend their money wisely, and not beyond their means.

The Trading Company is situated in the East Basement. It is a small cage, 8 feet 6 inches in length, and seven feet one inch in width. It is enclosed part way by a wooden partition with a wire grill above that. A counter runs along the front, with shelves underneath. The Trading Company is separated from the Banking Department by this grill. Inside there is a table and a chair. There are also three wooden chests in which we keep some of our goods.

The Trading Company is open every Tuesday evening from six to seven o'clock in the summer time and on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in the winter time. When a boy wants to buy anything he comes to the counter and states his wants. He is then asked how much money he has and in what grade he is. If the customer is in the fourth grade or if he hasn't over a dollar in the bank he usually goes away disappointed. But if he has around two dollars his name goes down on a slip, and he gets his need supplied. The customer then goes to the Bank and makes out a check to The Farm and Trades School Trading Company. Boys

who have more money may buy more articles and more expensive ones.

Some of the things that are sold are knives, watch fobs, carpenter's tools, pennants, ties, razor blades, pencils, scrapbooks and many other things. When the store closes the names of the boys who traded are taken to an instructor in charge. Then some time before the next opening of the Company the clerk has to go to the office and fix his books. In the sales book the names of the boys and what they bought are put down with the amount. At the end of a month it is added up to find out how much has been sold in that month. In another book the name of each boy is written and an account of what each individual boy buys. If a boy spends his money wastefully he is stopped from buying for about one month, or if the boy is in the dining room and breaks dishes he can't buy for a certain length of time. There is kept also a Cash Book, a Ledger, an Invoice Book, showing all goods purchased and a Stock Book for inventories.

Every Saturday morning the Trading Company is cleaned. The floor is swept, the counters dusted, and many other things have to be done to keep the place looking clean. At the end of each month an inventory is taken. When an inventory is taken all the goods have to be counted. When the supplies begin to get low the instructor in charge goes over to the city and buys some new goods. On the first

night that they are on sale, a good part of the School boys troop down to the Trading Company to see the new goods and buy some. If the Trading Company boy doesn't watch out he will find himself selling goods to a fourth grader or some other boy who has no right to buy. The boys make out checks when they buy anything, but when instructors buy they usually pay cash. Therefore there must always be some money kept in the Trading Company.

The Trading Company is very valuable for the boys. They not only get a chance to buy things for themselves, but they learn the use of the pass book, check and deposit slips. They also learn to spend their money in a thrifty way. The Trading Company is a pretty responsible job. As I am the clerk of the Trading Company, I have a little of the responsibility resting on me. I like my work very much, as it teaches me book keeping. It also gives me an idea of the stores in our large cities. Besides learning things through the Trading Company, I also get a lot of fun out of it. I have had my job for about ten months now and I hope that I can keep it the rest of the time that I am in this School.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

### Football

Football season is now on and as at the beginning of every sporting season everybody is full of enthusiasm over it. After grade reading September 27, 1920 the captains and men were chosen. There are four school teams. The best player of the undergraduates is captain of team A. The next B, C and D. The fourth or team D has first choice of the boys, then C, B and A. The next day all of the men were on the gridiron. The captain put the men where he thought they fitted. He would pick his backfield out, one who could run fast, tackle and on whom he could rely. The captain would then have his men practice at tackling, upsetting, signals, etc. Then comes kicking off and receiving, kicking goals and punts, drop kicks and field goals. The captains also teaches his

men to be quick about getting down in the line.

RALPH M. ROGERS

### Raking the Beach

One Saturday morning another boy and I were told to rake up the beach, each side of the Wharf. We each had a curved tooth rake and a long tooth rake. The corn roast had been held three days before and the fire was still smouldering. I began to rake at one end of the beach and the other boy came after me, raking it down still farther. We did this till we got the rubbish into several large piles. Afterwards two other boys with a team came and got the rubbish.

PHILIP F. LEARY

### Making a Rowboat Trip

Sometimes when it isn't very rough, the trips are made in a rowboat. Mr. Brown selects two boys from the boat crew to make the trip. One boy goes to the office for the Boat House key. In the Boat House two pairs of oars and oarlocks are selected, also a rudder and tiller and the backboard. Generally the Standish or the Brewster is used to go across. The boat is taken from its shelter on the Wharf and slid over to the derrick. The oars, oarlocks, tiller, and back board are laid in the boat. Then a sling is fastened at the bow and stern, and is hooked on to the derrick, and lowered to the water. Then the rudder is put in place and the back board and oarlocks are fastened securely. The boat also is wiped out, and we are ready for the trip. When the passengers come down to the float to board the boat, one boy holds it off from bumping while the other assists the passengers aboard. Then the boys take their places, one forward and one aft; the boy highest in the crew is stroke oar. He also keeps track of the time of leaving the Island and the landing on the other side so as to enter that on the boat report, which is made after every trip.

When the boat returns to the Island she is put under the shelter on the Wharf and the oars, oarlocks, etc. are put back in the Boat House.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

### While Painting the Barn

One morning last week, Higgins and I were working down at the barn. The Paint Shop instructor was working on the staging. Suddenly the staging moved with a jerk and down came a can of paint. It spilled all over the window sill and on a coil of rope and in the window pocket. My work was painting window sashes, and Higgins had odd jobs. But we both worked the rest of that morning cleaning up.

RALPH S. BLAKE, JR.

### Burning Grass

A while ago I was burning grass with another boy on the north end of the Island. Before lighting the fire we studied the wind direction by watching the smoke which comes from the chimney on Spectacle Island. We found it was blowing from the east, so we lighted the grass on the east side of the Island. When it had burned over the space we wanted cleared, we took a hay fork apiece and put the fire out, by running the fork over the ground where the flame was. That afternoon we burned about an acre and a half and a few piles of weeds.

JOHN GOODHUE, JR.

### Indians

Lately we have been studying about Indians in our history. The Indians are interesting to read about, especially in their habits and ways and mode of living.

The other day Mr. Bradley brought four Indian dolls into the first school room. They were made by the Cheyenne Indians. The dolls represent a warrior, an Indian girl, a chief and squaw with a papoose on her back. They represent the same features of an Indian, with high cheekbones, copper colored skin and coal black hair. They are made of wood and are wrapped with a blanket made by the Indians. On their feet are small drops of paint to represent the different colored beads on an Indian's moccasins. They show skill and patience and are very interesting.

ROBERT J. GIESE

### An Incident

Before I came to this School I had heard many times about the wreck on Thompson's Island, in 1898. My grandfather and uncle were in the wreck. My grandfather was captain of the "Virginia" and my uncle was just a sailor. After I came to the School I found in an old Beacon all about the wreck and how Captain John S. Stanley was drowned. My uncle swam ashore but was unconscious. After a time he went back to Center, Maine, where my home is.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

### Printers Rollers

When printing first began men did not use rollers. Instead balls of wool covered with untanned sheepskin or buckskin made hard and firm were used. They were then fastened to wooden handles. Making the inking balls was a very hard job. The ball had to be hard, evenly packed, and the right shape. The inking balls were used in pairs. A dab of ink was put on one ball and by rocking them together hard the ink was distributed over the surface of the balls. The ink was then spread on the form. The first rollers were covered with buckskin like the balls, but where the seam came together there was a break in the surface. It was also hard to make it "tacky" enough to carry and distribute the ink. Sometimes, too, the buckskin would crack and it would make the roller worse. Cloth very tightly woven together was sometimes used for a covering, but it cost very much more. Next the glue and molasses roller came into use. New Orleans molasses was used for this purpose for when glucose and molasses are mixed they form a substance like glue. But these rollers could last only a few weeks on account of the weather. Glycerine was added soon after. Glycerine never freezes except at a very low temperature so the weather hurts it little. The modern inking roller is made of glue, glycerine, and sugar syrup. The highest grade of roller is made of glue and glycerine alone. The absence of sugar syrup is made up for by the more costly glycerine, which makes them more expensive.

IVERS E. WINMILL

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On September 19, 1899 the Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School was formally organized. The 21st anniversary of that event fell this year on Sunday, but on the

following Tuesday, September 21, a group of about 40 graduates met together and happily observed the anniversary of an event which has meant so much both for the School and the Alumni.

No claim is made that the wonderful development of the School during the past 21 years has been because of the Alumni Association, yet the history of the Association has been co-incident with these developments, and in some of the advances the Association had a part, while in every such step of progress the alumni has rejoiced.

More space than is available here would be necessary to give a complete list of the developments of this period. Furthermore, some of the achievements cannot be catalogued, as for instance, the close and enthusiastic spirit of co-operation between the alumni and the School, a co-operation that is both individualistic and associational. Also, it should be stated, many of the things listed here were wholly or largely initiated and consummated by the Superintendent, Charles H. Bradley, who is especially responsible for the present friendly spirit of co-operation, as well as for the existence of the Alumni Association. Here is a list of some of the notable points in the School's development during the past 21 years:

1903 Steam heat installed in Main Building.

Infirmary furnished by Alumni Association.

1905 Course in Meteorology started.

1907 Change in name of the School to its present title (The Farm and Trades School) in order more clearly to express its purpose.

Establishment of an annual alumni dinner at a Boston hotel on the second Wednesday of January, when graduates and members of the Board of Managers meet.

Observatory built.

1908 Establishment of an Annual Field day on June 17 at the School for a reunion of graduates and their families.

1909 Power House built.

1910 Incinerator built.

1912 Election of the first graduate of the school, nominated by the Alumni Association to the Board of Managers.

1913 Steam Laundry installed in Gardner Hall.

1914 Observance of the 100th anniversary of the School, with the alumni having an active and prominent part in the event.

Establishment of an alumni fund, with \$1750, as a part of the centennial celebration, which has since been increased by 500 to \$3400.

1915 Refrigerating Plant installed.

1916 Bequest of \$150,000 by James Longley of Boston, the largest gift ever made to the School.

1917 Removal of Williams pea-green paint from Main Building, and beginning to paint wooden buildings white.

East Basement excavated for Clothing Room, Banking Room and Trading Company.

1919 Election of a graduate of the School to be assistant treasurer of the Board of Managers.

1920 Election of two more graduates, nominated by the Alumni Association, to the Board of Managers.

These are all things that furnish cause for gratitude to the friends of the School, now in its 107th year. For most of this long time the affairs of the School have been carried on by the Board of Managers, with the generous support and full confidence of the public, but with little help or co-operation apparent on the part of the alumni. Happily for everybody recent years have shown a change in this respect. The general progress of the past two decades has been equalled in no other period in the history of the School and it gives promise of even greater things in the years to come, through the continued co-operation of alumni and school officials. The things that may be accomplished with the help of an enthusiastic and loyal body of alumni can hardly be limited or forecasted.

## Calendar

Sept. 1 Weeding corn at South End.  
Picked up wind-falls in orchard.  
Built yard by colony house for pups.  
James A. Carson, '20, came to the school to study and work.  
Mowing rowen back of Power House and in Grove by Rear Avenue.  
Bees beginning to fill super from buckwheat pollen.

Sept. 2 Motion pictures in the evening.  
Cocked rowen by Power House.

Sept. 3 Fourth Friends' Day.  
John Simpson, '92, here.  
Dancing in the evening.  
Weeding potatoes at North End.  
Drawing hay from North End, and drawing weeds.

Glenn R. Furbush, '19, came to spend a few days.

Sept. 4 Cutting millet green feed.  
Pulling beans in garden.

Sept. 6 Repairing fence.  
Dancing in the evening.  
Drew in 3760 lbs. rowen by Power House.  
Weeding and drawing weeds at North End.  
George R. Jordan, '13, and Charles W. Russell, ex '02, here over night.

Frank E. Maxcy, ex '23, left the school to live with his mother.

Sept. 7 Killed two calves.  
The Steamer "Pilgrim," taken to Lawleys' shipyard to be overhauled and repaired as needed.

Sept. 8 Albert and Harold Ellis, '20, left the School. They will attend school and live with their mother at 107 Beech Street, Lowell, Mass.

Sept. 9 Motion pictures in the evening.

Sept. 10 William H. Sowers, ex '14, here for the night.

Sept. 14 Donald B. Akerstrom, '19, left the School. He probably will attend high school this fall.

Sept. 15 Began plowing at South End.

Corn roast in the evening.  
 Began cutting buckwheat for green feed.  
 Clifton H. Sears, '20, here for the night.  
 Sept. 16 Piano tuner here.  
 Water Department Inspector here to look over water pipes.  
 Sept. 20 Finished pulling beans and hauled weeds.  
 Sept. 21 Began digging potatoes at North End.  
 The Alumni outing at Thomas R. Brown's hotel, "The Brenton," in Nahant.  
 Sept. 22 Pulled cabbages.  
 Finished cutting buckwheat and began cutting corn for cows.  
 Party for first grade boys in Assembly Hall in evening.  
 Sept. 23 Cutting corn at North End.  
 Motion pictures in the evening.  
 President Arthur Adams visited the School.  
 Mr. Halliday of the American Laundry Machinery Company here to do work on the laundry machinery.  
 Sept. 26 Sunday. Entertainment by boys in gymnasium in the afternoon.  
 Sept. 29 Manager Thomas J. Evans here for two days.  
 Party for first grade boys in the evening.  
 Sept. 30 Donald P. Noyes, ex '23, was returned to his home.  
 Motion pictures in the evening.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

September 8 By invitation from the Hingham Steamboat Co. went with the boys to Nantasket Beach and had a glorious time. The day was perfect.

September 19 Prepared fruit for the N. E. fair.

September 20 Went to Horticultural Hall with 10 varieties of apples and 15 pears.

September 31 Mr. Lyman here and lectured to the boys.

### September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 81° on the 24th.  
 Minimum Temperature 49° on the 20th.  
 Mean Temperature for the month 66°.  
 Total precipitation 2.05 inches.  
 Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .6 inches on the 20th.

Nine days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 6 clear days, 15 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920	\$828.58
Deposited during the month	90.33
	\$918.91
Withdrawn during the month	57.87
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1920	\$861.04

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### An Experiment

One day while I was playing on the gymnasium apparatus, I heard three boys arguing about shining brass. One boy was talking about shining brass with paper. Then I began to get interested so I joined them. He said something about the Navy using paper to shine brass. When I went to work I said I guessed I would try it. I took the can of brass polish and shook it so as to get it mixed well. Then I took a piece of newspaper and put some brass polish on it. I began to shine a large tank made of brass. After rubbing a few times in one place to see how it would come out, I took a piece of clean newspaper and rubbed off the brass polish. Behold! I found a very bright spot with a good shine. Then I tried it again. I crumbled the newspaper and found it was easier. It is very easy to use paper on brass that has been cleaned every other day or once a week. But it is best to use cotton waste or cloth on brass that has not been cleaned for a long time. If you do it with paper it takes a long, long time to do it.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN

### The Books of Knowledge

Every evening when we go from the school-room we ask if we may take out a Book of Knowledge, to look up some point we are studying.

The books tell a great deal about ancient history, of Napoleon, and of war. There are also many stories which are called, "The Book of Golden Deeds," including some other stories. The books are returned every morning so that they will not be damaged.

Some of the things I am interested in are the making of Russia, when Napoleon was defeated, how men became great, and bull fights.

ERIC O. SCHIPPERS

### The Labor Day Dance

Monday, Sept. 6, being Labor Day, we had a dance in the evening in the Assembly Hall. We had an orchestra of two clarinets, a baritone, cornet, drums, and piano. The instructors and boys attended. We danced until eleven o'clock. Then there was 15 minutes' intermission. Favors were distributed during the time. Refreshments also were served. After that we danced until 12 o'clock. During the evening we had a grand march. Then we retired. We had a good time, and everyone enjoyed it.

CYRUS W. DURGIN

### Magazines

One Sunday afternoon the office boy came down from the Reading Room carrying a large pile of magazines. Among these there are several that all boys like. A few were the American Boy, Browning's Magazine and the Illustrated London News. In the Illustrated News there were many war pictures and pictures of countries, presidents, kings, rulers and pictures of the Palace of Versailles. Of course most of the boys wanted those but there were not enough to go around so we changed often with each other. Everybody had a fine time I am sure.

PHILIP F. LEARY

### The Old Elm

The Old Elm is the largest and oldest tree on the Island. It is situated between the Main Building and Gardner Hall.

Around the Old Elm is a seat which is wide with a high back. At this time of year there are two lights above the seat so that when it gets dark early we can see to read without straining our eyes.

The Old Elm reminds us of the poem "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree," only this is an elm tree. As the branches spread out it makes a large shady spot which is very pleasant to sit under. We enjoy the Old Elm, and we would miss it very much if it were cut down.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON

### The Compact

In school we are studying about the Mayflower and the compact that was signed in its cabin in 1620. About three hundred years ago when the Mayflower came to Plymouth, some of the men said, "We are free now and we can do as we please." So the Pilgrims gathered in the cabin and wrote a compact by which they agreed that they would stay together, have town meetings, and other gatherings in certain places and cabins. They also declared themselves loyal subjects of the King. They elected John Carver for their first governor. Thus was the Commonwealth of Massachusetts started.

CHARLES N. ROBBINS

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Civilization depends not only upon the knowledge of the people, but upon the use they make of it.

Money will not purchase character or good government.

Let us look to the service rather than to the reward.

Calvin Coolidge

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Celebrating the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Alumni Association, members gathered on the evening of Tuesday, September 21, at the Parker House in Boston, where automobiles were boarded for the Hotel Brenton, Nahant, for a shore dinner. Several members furnished their own automobiles and carried other members with them, but the larger number went in autobus. Those who furnished autos were Richard Bell of Dorchester, George J. Alcott of Bridgewater, William F. King of Chelsea and Edward Capaul of Roxbury. The evening was clear and comfortable, and the hour's ride along the Revere Beach Boulevard and the Lynn shore gave everybody a sharp appetite for the delicious fish dinner. The fact that Thomas R. Brown, '00, is one of the proprietors of the hotel, and that he laid himself out to do something pretty nice for his fellow members of the Alumni Association, resulted in a bounteous and well served repast.

A colored trio of musicians, vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers, kept things lively during the serving of the dinner, and occasionally they started some of the popular songs in which everybody joined. There was almost no formality about the affair. The company sat at small tables on two sides of the large diningroom, leaving a wide space in the center which the musicians and dancers occupied. At one of the end tables sat President William Alcott, with Superintendent Charles H. Bradley and Manager Thomas J. Evans.

After dinner President Alcott briefly extended greetings on the 21st anniversary of the association, and he read the record of the first meeting of the organization on September 19, 1899. He expressed the hope that the next 21 years would see a period of progress and a development of co-operation even greater than in the past. Here the meeting was turned over to Howard F. Lochrie, who had been the chief organizer of the anniversary celebration, and who was received with three cheers. He spoke briefly of the eagerness of the members for the affair and for the opportunity of getting together once more. He called first upon Superintendent

Charles H. Bradley, who spoke interestingly of recent events at the School, and of the constantly increasing spirit of helpfulness toward the School which is manifesting itself on the part of the Alumni in many ways.

Brief speeches followed from Thomas R. Brown, Richard Bell, Samuel J. Simmons, Lawrence Cobb and Alfred C. Malm.

The company present was as follows:

Alcott, George J., '79  
Alcott, William, '84  
Angell, Wesley C., '17  
Bell, George L., '82  
Bell, Richard, '73  
Bemis, Elwin C., '16  
Bradley, Charles H. Jr., '03  
Bennett, W. R., Jr. (Guest)  
Brown, Thomas R., '99  
Capaul, Edward, '07  
Cobb, Lawrence M., '14  
Darling, Norman W., '16  
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Ellis, Merton P., '97  
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Evans, Thomas J., '64  
Gilbert, Ralph H., '16  
Graham, James H., '81  
Hoffman, Edward, F., '16  
Holman, Solomon B., '50  
Hughes, William N., '55  
Jones, Leslie R., '06  
King, William F., '84  
Lochrie, Howard F., '16  
Lombard, Frank L., '95  
Malm, Alfred C., '00  
McKenzie, George A. C., '05  
Means, Louis E., '02  
Norwood, Walter D., '04  
Russell, Charles W., ex '02  
Simmons, Samuel J., '51  
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Washburn, Francis L., '85  
Witting, Carl L., '04



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### Hallowe'en

The name derived from "Hallow-Eve," is a word meaning ghosts, fun, spirits, and autumn, to the youthful American.

This holiday was first inaugurated by Pope Boniface IV, on the occasion of changing the Roman heathen temple Pantheon to a Christian church. As centuries have passed less and less have people thought of the origin of Hallowe'en. As the centuries passed the long cumbersome name "Hallow Eve" was shortened to "Hallowe'en." It now to most people means an evening of revelry.

Our celebration this year was a vast success. It was different from the celebration of past years, and as everyone likes different things, everybody enjoyed it this year. It was held in the West Basement, and Assembly Hall. The West Basement was divided into booths, like a regular fair. Cornstalks and the usual paraphernalia was generously distributed throughout the room making it quite pretty, and quite unrecognizable from the original West Basement. As the boys passed out from supper, an invitation was given to each one.

In the West Basement were the features of the occasion. The Hula-Hula dancer, Mostadogg and Madame Tickdollarreux were some of them. After an hour of fun we removed to the Assembly Hall. The Crazyola Victrola, Military Revue, Motion Pictures, and others furnished a good hour's entertainment. The boys, and instructors were dressed up, as

usual. One instructor dressed as a woman, the part of which he portrayed finely in the Story Dances.

The Motion Pictures, "Wild Nell, the Pet of the Plains," was exceptionally pleasing, the tragic ending drawing tears from many. Dancing followed. This continued for an hour. Then we retired. Everybody had a wonderfully good time.

CYRUS W. DURGIN

### Putting a Winter Shelter on the Bees

A while ago I was told to put a winter shelter on the bees. The shelter that was on them last year had to be repaired. I took all of the old roofing paper off the frame and put on some new pieces. I got them in the Basement of Gardner Hall where all such things are kept. When I put the shelter over the hives, I put it on so the front would be open to the South. We have three hives of bees.

JOHN GOODHUE, Jr.

### A Flag in the Wind

Langill puts the flag up every morning. Tuesday morning the wind was very strong. He couldn't put it up himself so he asked me to help him, and I said, "Yes". When we got to the flagpole the wind almost knocked me down. My hands were very cold from holding the halyard. We at last fastened the flag to the halyard and tried to hoist it. Mr. Brown came along just then and he hoisted it for us. But it went up good and hard.

HENRY E. GILCHRIST

### Drawing Corn

One afternoon my work was to draw corn from the piece by the Farm House to the Barn. I hitched Dolly Gray to the jigger and drove over to the piece. When I was loading the corn, Del, one of our fox terriers came over and hunted for rats. After awhile he caught two small mice and ate them. After I had a load I drove to the Barn and dumped it on the floor. The corn will next be put through the corn cutter and will be fed to the cows.

JOHN H. SCHIPPERS

### Reading Old Beacons

In the reading room and school rooms are kept volumes of old Beacons that the boys find very interesting to read. As we read we like to note improvements which have taken place on our Island, for instance, electricity taking the place of kerosene lamps and the machine taking the place of hand power. We also like to read articles of historical interest, such as the ones written on David Thompson's cabin, the wreck in 1898, and the cyclone which passed over the Island in 1918.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE

### Autumn

Autumn is here with us again, and brings with it the harvesting of crops, preparations for winter and football. The first signs of autumn are shown by the way the once green leaves of our different trees begin to turn yellow and brown. On the farm everybody is busy as they must harvest all our crops. Day by day it gets colder and makes the boys want to play football. The birds, such as the wild ducks and others, are to be seen flying to the south in flocks. Soon the School will make itself ready for winter by banking the root cellar, putting on storm windows and in many other ways. Autumn is always welcomed by the boys as it brings many holidays, such as Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

### The Current Events

The "Current Events" is a paper published once a week in Springfield, Mass.

It is an interesting paper and tells about the public news such as "The League of Nations," The Presidential Campaign, also European news about the Reds, the Sein Feiners, and Italy's troubles with strikes and earthquakes.

It is neither a Republican or Democratic paper, and it gives fair views of both sides. It is a wholesome paper and should be read by all the people. We enjoy it in our school where we read it and discuss the questions.

ROBERT J. GIESE

### Today

Today the wind is blowing and it is raining. If you look out at sea you cannot see anything but a little boat tossing among the waves, and a big piece of a wreck drifting ashore. The rain is pouring into the roof gutter opposite the schoolroom window and shoots out like a spray. I like the wind and the rain very much.

JAMES H. BEATTIE

### A Queer Rat

A short while ago while I was around looking at my rat traps, I found a queer looking rat. It was very fat and was sitting on its hind legs. When I came up close to it remained still in the same position. I thought there was something the matter with the rat. When I tried to pick it up by the tail the rat gave a squeal, so I took it for granted that it had been poisoned some way. I took a stick and hit the rat over the head and threw it over the dike into the water.

JOHN GOODHUE, Jr.

### Husking Corn

Recently I have been husking corn. I take an ear and strip the leaves from it, putting the leaves in a pile on the floor and the ears of corn in a basket. When the basket is full, I empty it into a large pile. This corn will be fed to the horses.

HILDRETH R. CROSBY

### Forging

Forging is heating and hammering iron and steel into shape. There are six boys who go to the forging lessons which come every Friday afternoon. Each boy has a pigeon hole in which his models and tools are kept. There are two boys to a forge, and an anvil for each boy. The tools that we use are the forge which has a trough at the side filled with water and a rack for the tongs. The anvil is the next; it is used to hammer the metal on. One half of it is round and tapers from six inches to a point. The other half is flat. There are a number of different tongs such as flat tongs, "pick up" tongs, tongs for holding round iron, large and small tongs. The leather aprons are kept in the pigeon holes, also the steel squares and hammers.

The first model is a forming exercise. A round section is to be drawn to a square, a square to an octagon and an octagon to a point. The finished piece must agree with the drawing in form and dimensions. The next models are bending exercises such as S-hook, round iron ring and flat iron ring. These models are heated to a red heat and then bent.

We next take up welding; we take two pieces of iron and upset one end of each piece or make the end larger. Then the ends are tapered to a point. The iron is put in the fire and heated slowly till you can see the spark which indicates welding heat. We then take the iron out very quickly, put both ends together and hammer quickly. We next heat it again and finish it up.

After having learned to make a good weld, which takes quite a while, we make the links. We get a bar of 3-8 round iron, cut off three lengths of five inches and bend each piece to the shape of a link. We then scarf the ends and weld them together.

After a boy finishes this course he should know most of the things a blacksmith does.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD

### Cleaning a Carriage

Sunday morning I helped another boy clean a carriage. We took the cushions out, beat and swept them and left them out in the open. The next thing we did was to grease the wheels. We took them off and ran a rag through them. Before we put them on, grease was put on the axle. Then they were put on and spun around so the grease would cover the whole of the axle. After this operation was over we took some harness oil and went all over the carriage rubbing it in. Later on we shined it and it made the carriage look something like new. At nine o'clock I went up with the rest of the farm boys and the other boy finished up the work on the carriage.

ALBERT A. PETERSON

### The Tool Room

Before school Mr. Brown assigns work for the boys. He gave me the care of the tool room for a regular job. First I go to the tool room and hang the tools up straight. Then I sweep the floor, stairs and landing. The tool room is where all the shovels, picks, hoes rakes and various other implements that are used about the grounds are kept.

RUSSELL F. METCALF

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### Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,

Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance

I have not winced nor cried aloud;  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbow'd.

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It matters not how strait the gate,

How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate:  
I am the captain of my soul.

W. E. Henley

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It is very natural for young people—and sometimes for older people as well—to be extremely critical of their surroundings, and of the people

with whom they have to do. A certain amount of adverse criticism is desirable, no doubt. Until faults are realized, they cannot be corrected. If a structure is wrongly built, it has to be torn down before it can be rebuilt. A wide awake mind sees what is wrong as well as what is right.

But this rule works both ways—a wide-awake mind sees what is right as well as what is wrong, and often it seems as if the fault finders are the least likely to see good points. They criticize unfairly because they speak only of the things that seem to them wrong or unpleasant.

It is unfortunately true that a few of us love to fuss, and to find an excuse for complaints we exaggerate, and if a perfectly logical reason is presented explaining the unpleasant circumstance, whatever it is, for being as it is, we calmly disregard the explanation, and go on complaining as before! Of course the outsider who has to listen can console himself with a superior smile, well knowing that the perpetual fuzzer is enjoying himself very well. He is, nevertheless, a tiresome member of society, an unhelpful and even a harmful one, because he may start a totally wrong idea and by his influence, especially with those younger than himself, and create a general feeling which is not justified and but hinders endeavor.

One kind of fussing that seems the silliest is to stand back and criticize the one who is trying to do something, while we don't even make an attempt to produce a better result ourselves. Not only boys, but grown-ups as well, are prone to think best of the lively, jolly person (and liveliness and jollity have their value as well as more serious characteristics) regardless of whether or not he contributes much in the line of actual effort and mental activity. He is pleasant to

have around; he does not find fault with us overmuch or jar upon our sensibilities, and we are perhaps contented to take him at his face value without bothering to consider whether he is actually doing much of importance, or making effort that way, whether his moral outlook is wholesome, if he is trying to improve conditions, or if we are benefitted in any way by being in his company. In fact we are quite willing to live in a state of mental coma so long as it be pleasant and undisturbed.

Sometimes it happens that the person who rasps most on our nerves is the person making the biggest effort for improvement, and perhaps our improvement in particular. The very fact that his mind is engrossed with serious considerations leaves him little time or inclination to be merely amusing. It may not be easy for him to adapt himself to the moods of others, and consequently he seems to us unsympathetic, and we do not go into the question deeply enough to know what he may be trying to accomplish, what is really on his mind. We who so like to blame others for this and that lack of consideration or what not, in our turn do not show consideration in our judgment.

It has been said of another:

"He may not be smooth or politic, but he has the energy and intellect to move something. It is such men with such energies, not those who sit around and watch and criticize, who accomplish things in the world."

This is true of more people than the one here spoken of, and in judging others as well as in choosing our friends, it would be well to think a second and third time before we speak harshly. What is that person really accomplishing? Are we ourselves doing more than he is? Are we even so much more tactful and companionable

that we can afford to maintain our critical altitude?

All are not gifted with a like ability or like mental perspicacity, but we all have the power to try, and whether we individually have done so or not, at least we show more chivalry and dignity if we are not too free in criticizing those around us. Even if our worst criticisms were true, that would be no excuse for our making pests of ourselves and adding to trouble instead of relieving it. If any criticisms are to be made, they should be made directly to the ones we think responsible—there they may do some good. They certainly concern no one else.

Let us mentally ally ourselves with the anti-fussers' league, vote for prohibition and see that it is enforced!

### Calendar

Oct. 1 Five boys went to the dentist.

Oct. 2 Fifth Friends' Day. Managers Alden B. Hefler here, also William Alcott, '84, and 122 friends of the boys.

Oct. 5 Steamer Pilgrim after a thorough overhauling again ready to be used.

Party for first grade boys in Assembly Hall in evening.

Oct. 6 Six boys with two instructors, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Patten, attended Brockton Fair, through the courtesy of President Arthur Adams.

Oct. 7 Motion pictures in the evening.

Oct. 8 Man here to look over stoves.

Close of summer term of school.

Oct. 9 Three graduates, Alfred H. Casey, ex '14, John A. Robertson, '15, and George B. McLeod, '17, here for the afternoon.

First football game of the season, between teams A and C.

Oct. 11 Everett B. Leland, '19, here to spend a few days.

Oct. 12 Columbus Day. A half holiday.

Party for first grade boys in Assembly Hall.

in evening.

A football game in the afternoon.

Gordon W. Favier, ex '22, returned to his mother.

Motion pictures in the evening. William Hart in "Every Inch a Man."

Oct. 15 45 bbls. and 80 sacks of flour came, also 8 bags of cement.

Oct. 19 Plumber here to find stoppage in water pipe to Wharf.

Party for first grade boys in Assembly Hall in evening.

Burning weeds and clearing ground at North End.

Five boys, Durgin, Hadley, Lammi, Daniel Smith and Osberg went on theatre boat in the evening.

Oct. 21 Admission Meeting. Six new boys admitted and came directly to the School: Alton Bassett Butler, Ralph Merton Cheney, Hildreth Rounds Crosby, Leander Elmore Dorey, Kenneth Austin Priest, and Robert Franklin Thompson.

Started plowing at South End near tide gate with walking plow. Burning weeds near Farm House.

Man here again to work on stoves, also man from Electric Storage Battery Co. here to work on storage batteries.

Mr. Halliday of the American Laundry Machinery Co. here to do work on machinery in laundry.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Oct. 22 Plowing at South End. Pulling onions and beets.

Oct. 25 Blacksmith here to shoe horses. Harrowed potato ground near Farm House, and gathered 15 bu. potatoes there. Picked one half bu. quinces.

Oct. 26 Hauled in corn from near Farm House. Pulled 19 bu. beets.

Party for first grade boys in the Assembly Hall in evening.

Oct. 27 Hauled corn from North End. Pulled carrots and turnips.

Oct. 28 Sorting potatoes in Farm House cellar. Cleaned Storage Barn, and stored and repaired farm machinery.

Oct. 29 Sixth Friends' Day. Boys with their friends, Mr. Bradley and five instructors, went to Nantasket in the forenoon, returning in the afternoon.

Dehorned the young bull, also three cows. Killed and dressed veal calf.

Hallowe'en party in the evening.

George Buchan, '97, and Mrs. Buchan here for the night and Sunday.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

Oct. 5 Dull changeable weather. Evening rainy. Picking pears, plowing, etc. Received from Mr. Weld one Jersey cow.

Oct. 6 Mr. Ed. Denning here to cut boys' hair.

Oct. 9 Sunday. Were addressed by Mr. Moses Rice from city in forenoon and Mr. Sawyer in afternoon.

Oct. 10 Paid Frank Morgan for socks \$13.50. Went to city with G. W. Heath, who goes to Dakota Territory with Col. G. A. Batchelder, Sec'y of the Territory.

Oct. 15 Mrs. Morse, Mr. Heney & Mr. Sawyer went to concert. Self alone with boys.

Oct. 17 A plumber here repairing pipes, etc. Men carting and picking fruit.

Oct. 18 Went to city with a load of cabbages for Hill-Tibbets & Co.

Oct. 27 A quantity of drift lumber came on shore, which was secured. Rearranged stones at graves in cemetery.

Oct. 28 John Homans came to see boy Lloyd.

## October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 83° on the 24th and 25th.

Minimum Temperature 44° on the 29th.

Mean Temperature for the month 62°.

Total precipitation 1.60 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .8 inches on the 20th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 15 partly cloudy, 1 cloudy.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1920	\$861.04
Deposited during the month	84.11
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	\$945.15
Withdrawn during the month	40.45
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1920	\$904.70

## A Trip to Nantasket Beach

On the sixth and last Friend's Day of this year, there was a trip to Nantasket Beach with our friends. The boat left Rowe's Wharf at 10:15 A. M. It then came to our Wharf and we went aboard. On our way down we saw our Island and others. We arrived at the Beach about 11:30. Most of the places were closed. The most of our friends brought basket lunches. For those that did not have friends, lunch was carried from the School. The boat came back at 3:45 and arrived at our Island at about 4:45. I think all of the boys had a good time, and I hope we can all go again some time.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD

## Feeding the Dogs

I have fifteen minutes a day in which to feed the dogs. They are fed the scraps from the table. The scraps are put in a tin and fed to them. There are 3 puppies, Del, a fox terrier, Babe, a fox terrier, and Reliance, a collie.

WILLIAM E. ERICSSON

## What Use are Cows Horns?

Some cows have to have their horns cut off, or they are liable to do injury to the rest of the herd. Recently six heifers were brought here and it was thought best to have their horns cut off.

Some of the boys ask for these horns of which to make useful things such as necktie racks, pin cushions, napkin rings and ornaments. We first soak the horn in hot water and remove the inside. When it is cleaned out well, it is made into any desired model.

One model that is made a lot is a necktie rack. A piece of wood is first cut out the shape of a shield; this may be finished with a fancy border of inlaying or perhaps a carved design. The horn is then plugged with a piece of wood, and by putting 2 or 3 screws through the shield into the plug, the horn is fastened securely. It is then rubbed down with sandpaper and shellacked which gives it a very lustrous finish. If a boy gets a horn he is lucky.

DESMOND O. ANDERSON

## Catching a Rat

One day as I came down from school two boys ran up to me and asked me to help them catch a rat, so I agreed. After twenty minutes' work pouring four pails of hot water into the hole, the rat ran out. Then I chased it and stepped on it just as it was going into another hole.

GEORGE A. ADAMS

## Our Spelling Lesson

After our history lesson was over, our teacher gave us 10 words that she took from the history book. They were about the Indians whom we were studying. They were pretty hard, but I tried to get 100.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Alfred Carl Malm, assistant treasurer of the Board of Managers, has been continuously identified with The Farm and Trades School ever since he entered as a boy in his ninth year, on Jan. 31, 1894. He was born in Cambridge on October 3, 1885, and on Christmas Day in 1892, suffered the loss of his father by death. He left the School on July 11, 1901, to enter the office of Alfred Bowditch, trustee, who later became President of the Board of Managers of the School, in whose office the meetings of the Managers were held for many years. At the School he had played in the band and for three years worked in the printing office, serving for a short time as foreman of the latter department. When he entered the office of Mr. Bowditch he pursued studies for four years in the Boston Evening High School. In 1907 he entered the Y. M. C. A. Law School, and took another four-year course in evening work, graduating in 1911 with the degree of LL.B. In the same year he was admitted to the Suffolk bar.

As a graduate, Mr. Malm maintained an active interest in the affairs of the School. He was one of the early members of the alumni association. He was one of the most active members in pushing the alumni fund, and served as one of the original members of the alumni fund committee. He has also served as historian of the alumni association, as auditor and as vice-president.

When the United States entered the world war, Mr. Arthur Adams, then treasurer, enlisted in the Naval service, and then the duties of his position were assumed by Mr. Bowditch's office. The death of Mr. Bowditch on the following January, and the election of a new treasurer, made it seem desirable to have an assistant treasurer, and Mr. Malm was invited to accept the place which he did.

On June 12, 1911, Mr. Malm was married to Susan Williams of Dorchester, and three children have been born to them: Elizabeth A., aged eight; Susan W., aged five, and John W., aged two. Their home for the past seven years has been at 89 Malvern Street, Melrose. In that city Mr. Malm is active in many things. He served on various social committees of the Melrose Y. M.C.A. He is a member of the First Methodist Church, and is president of the men's class. He is a member of Wyoming Lodge and Waverly Chapter of Masons, both of Melrose. For two years he was a member of the State Guards serving in Company E, 12th Regiment, and he saw active duty for six weeks during the Boston police strike in 1919.

RICHARD BELL, '73, and Mrs. Bell, on November 18, 1920, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

HENRY A. FOX, '79 has been made a Deputy Chief of the Boston Fire Department and is stationed at Fort Hill Square, Boston.

GEORGE W. E. BYERS, '86, has accepted a responsible position at Thompson's Spa, Boston.

HERBERT A. HART, '99, died of pneumonia on March 26, 1920.

BRUCE L. PAUL, ex '10, in the Boston Globe of September 30th announced his intentions of marriage to Miss Elizabeth R. Ferrie of Dorchester. Bruce lives at 35 Wilbur St., Everett.

THOMAS MILNE, '12, was married on June 9th to Miss Georgie Clara Esther Sullivan of Jamaica Plain.



# THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON

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Cottage Row Government

BY HIS HONOR

WALDO E. LIBBY

MAYOR

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

In accordance with our usual annual custom, Cottage Row Government as well as the Commonwealth sets aside a day known as Thanksgiving.

On this day we pause from our regular routine to observe the day in feasting and merriment, yet with thankful hearts toward God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. Thus we honor and follow the custom of our forefathers who first observed the day on the shores of Massachusetts.

Recently our attention has been called with great emphasis to the life, ideals and experiences of these brave pioneers as this year marks the tercentenary of their landing. We are thankful that we live in the free country they founded. We believe the influence of their courage, loyalty and religious observance has helped us to be a great nation. We hope to become citizens worthy of their endeavor.

We are thankful, too for abundant crops gathered, for health and friends. We are especially grateful for our School life, the knowledge acquired, and the pleasures enjoyed.

So on this day we join in praise to God for the principles we are taught here; the opportunities we have to learn to be good citizens, who in the future mark the progress of our country. In our heart we

feel the spirit of a continual Thanksgiving for the daily comforts provided for us at this time of unrest and stress in the world.

Therefore I, Waldo E. Libby, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Alderman set apart Thursday, the twenty-fifth of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this twenty-fifth of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred twenty, the one hundred and sixth year of our School, and the thirty-second year of Cottage Row.

WALDO E. LIBBY

By his Honor the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Alderman.

DANIEL E. SMITH,  
CLERK

GOD SAVE THE GOVERNMENT OF COTTAGE ROW

## Thanksgiving Day

One of the days that the boys enjoy the most is the grand old holiday of Thanksgiving. When reveille was sounded on Thanksgiving morning there was a rustling of clothes and shoes that showed how eager the boys were to be outside. Before breakfast we played cards and other games. After breakfast time until nine o'clock we did the necessary work. When this was done two of the teams played a football game. The final score was A 19, D 41. This was a hard game and it gave the players on both teams very sharp appetites. A short time afterwards we lined up to go in to dinner. We stood in line about five minutes before the door opened

but it seemed as if it were a week. The minute the boys got in the dining room there was a whispered chorus of, "Look at our turkey!" "I get a leg," and so on. After saying grace we sat down to our bountiful feast. This consisted of:

ROAST TURKEY		
	Dressing	
	Giblet Gravy	
	Sweet Potatoes	
Squash		Cranberry Sauce
	Celery	
	Pumpkin Pie	
Oranges	Raisins	Apples

For an hour all that could be heard was the jingle of knives and forks, and occasionally some would stop to pay a compliment to the turkey or the pumpkin pie. When we left the dining room we were a happy and well filled lot.

At two o'clock two picked teams representing Princeton and Harvard had a battle on the Gridiron. The result was Princeton 52-Harvard 6. From the end of the game till supper time the boys read books or practiced in the band hall, etc. Supper time came but none of the boys ate very much. At about half past seven we all went to the Assembly Hall to enjoy an entertainment which was provided for by Mr. Bradley. It was fine. Dancing for those who wished followed the entertainment. Finally as the boys all filed to bed more than one tired but happy boy said "Well, this is the end of a perfect day," and about everybody agreed with him.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

### Thanksgiving Day Entertainment

When the evening of Thanksgiving day came the boys all passed to the Assembly Hall. As soon as everybody was seated, Mr. Bradley spoke briefly of the proclamation of Governor Coolidge, our own Cottage Row Government proclamation and of other facts of the day. Next there was an entertainment provided by Mr. Bradley and given by Miss Crosby assisted

by Miss Shevron. This was one of the best entertainments of the year; Miss Crosby in the baseball song made a great hit.

JAMES B. ROUSE

### Getting Ready for Thanksgiving

My work is in the Bakery. At Thanksgiving I helped to clean and stuff the turkeys. It was rather steady work for there were 23 of them. I had made dressing before so that was easy. About 20 quarts of cranberries were made into sauce. It was all fun for I kept thinking of the good time ahead, when we should all be sitting at our tables Thanksgiving day.

FRANK A. ROBBINS

### Our Thanks

Each year the boys are given an opportunity just before Thanksgiving to state their special reasons for being thankful. The following are some of their expressions:—

### First Class

I am thankful I have a mother and father and that they love me. I am thankful that I am at a good School where I get good food and clothing as well as many pleasures. I am thankful that Christmas is coming and for the privilege of going to the sloyd room to make presents for my friends. I have a reason for being thankful that I am in such a good country under such a good flag, and that I am in such a good school and in the Class of 1921.

DESMOND O. ANDERSON

I am thankful for food, clothing, shelter and that all personal needs are supplied; for the good government and the election of the Republican party to power; also for the great blessings God has bestowed upon us, for Nature, in all its beauty and the numerous chances we have to improve ourselves. I am thankful, too, for loving friends, and watchful instructors. Last but by no means least, for the good times given by Mr. Bradley and the instructors.

CYRUS W. DURGIN

Among the many things for which I am thankful, are this School, where I am receiving an education, food, clothing, shelter and pleasant times. I am also thankful for the use of the Cottages, books from the library, sloyd, for our band and for the gardens for which we care. I am very thankful for the different kinds of sports we have.

ERIC O. SCHIPPERS

This article is too small to express the many things for which I am thankful. However, a few of them are, food, clothing and good health besides our sports.

I am thankful for knowledge gained in the school room and sloyd. I am very thankful that I have a mother, brothers and sisters. I am thankful for our Board of Managers, Superintendent and instructors who care for us with great interest throughout the year.

RALPH M. ROGERS

I am thankful that I have a mother, father, brother, and sister, who are well. I am thankful for the benefits of this School. I am thankful that I can go to the sloyd room and make Christmas presents. I am also thankful that I have a good teacher.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN

There are many things for which I am thankful, among them many loving friends and a fine teacher who instructs us in things we will need later in life.

I am especially thankful for my dear father, sisters and brothers, and that I am a member of the first class.

JOHN GOODHUE, Jr.

### Second Class

I am thankful that I have good friends to care for me. I am thankful I have a good bed to sleep in and nice warm blankets. I am thankful that I can play football and that I have an opportunity to play in the band. I am thankful I am an officer of Cottage Row, and that I am

in the second class. I am also thankful for my health and strength and for the good Thanksgiving we had. I am thankful for everything I have.

KENNETH E. KEARNS

I am thankful because I have a good father, sister, brother and friends. I am thankful because I am in a good place where I can learn something useful. I am thankful because of what the School does for me. I am thankful that I have good health and can enjoy the pleasures of the other boys.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

I am thankful that all my friends are well. I am thankful that I am in such a good School where I am getting a good training and that I have, here, an opportunity to become a useful citizen of the United States. I am also thankful that I am in the band and that I have almost finished my sloyd course.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

I am thankful that I have a good father, mother and brothers. I am thankful that we are soon going to have a Republican President and Vice President. I am thankful we have a country where freedom is enjoyed and that our nation is not like some of the European nations. I am thankful that we have a good Superintendent and a Board of Managers who do all they can for us.

DAVID E. LONG

I am thankful that we have a fine Board of Managers and that I have a good instructor over me. I am thankful that our country is not at war and that we will soon have a new party in power. I am glad that I am where I can see the ships and liners passing in and out of the harbor. I am thankful that we have a place to play and that we have a band. I am thankful that I got a leg of the turkey.

HOWARD E. KEITH

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The Day of Thanksgiving should be not merely a holiday authorized by the Governor and filled with games and enjoyment, but it should retain a little of the spirit of that first

New England Thanksgiving. In our merrymaking we may know, for a moment at least, the seriousness of our Pilgrim ancestors, who with no material advantages to gain, hazarded their all for an ideal. We may feel again a small part of their deep sense of thankfulness, when, in the midst of great hardships and with a second winter close upon them, they were impelled, not to count their troubles and complaint about them, but to thank God for their many blessings. And while their great effort to succeed may have tinged their thanksgiving with a special earnestness, we should never forget that what they had gained—freedom to worship as they wished and a new home in the new country—has come to us as our heritage, our America, the country of freedom.

As we review briefly our many blessings, thereby emulating the example of our forefathers, our contemplation leads us to think of that beginning of all Thanksgivings, and we remember the debt we owe, the Pilgrims' cause for giving thanks becomes ours, and a little of their staunch spirit must pass down to us.

## Calendar

Nov. 1 Husking corn; plowing at North End.

Nov. 2 Pulling tomato vines and weeds. Banking celery.

Nov. 3 Finished pulling carrots, 54 bu. in all.

Nov. 4 Five heifers returned from pasture where through the kindness of Manager Francis Shaw they have spent the summer

Nov. 5 Plowing garden, sorting potatoes burning weeds.

Donald W. Ellis, '20, here for over Sunday.

Nov. 6 Harvested 8 bu. of onions.

Nov. 8 Drawing corn; Took 24 lbs. of honey from supers to bee-hives.

Nov. 9 Finished plowing at North End  
 Nov. 10 Pulling beans, tomato vines and weeds in garden. Plowing at South End.

Nov. 11 Husking corn. Pulled 7 bu. mangels.

Nov. 12 Dressed hens for the house.

Nov. 16 Cleaned and repaired machinery at Old Barn.

Nov. 18 Dressed big sow, weight 450 lbs.

Nov. 19 Nine boys visited the dentist.

Nov. 20 Harvested celery.

Clifton H. Sears, '20, spent the night at the School.

Nov. 23 Very high wind. Telephone out of order.

Banked Farm House.

First grade party at night.

Nov. 24 Telephone man here working on the telephones. Telephones working again about noon.

Plowing near Root Cellar.

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day. Schedule game of football in the morning between teams A and D. Another game in the afternoon between two picked teams.

Entertainment of songs and stories in the evening, by Miss Crosby and Miss Shevlin, provided for by Mr. Bradley. The entertainment was followed by dancing.

Nov. 26 Mr. Beane, former instructor, here for the night.

The band played for dancing in the evening.

Nov. 27 The blacksmith here to shoe horses.

Mr. Julius Zinn, the florist, passed the night here.

John A. Robertson, '15, here for the afternoon.

Nov. 29 Extra carpenter come to work for a short time.

Nov. 30 Desmond Anderson attended the theatre.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

Nov. 1 Went to city with my monthly reports—was late—saw many of the Managers.

Nov. 14 Sent a grist of corn and rye to mill at Neponset.

Nov. 15 Mr. S. G. Deblois here to pass the day.

Nov. 24 As usual on this day a goodly number of graduates present. The day passed in pleasant intercourse, and amusements. Over 20 visitors here.

Nov. 25 The steamer Rose Standish came with our winter supplies.

### November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 73° on the 2nd.

Minimum Temperature 38° on the 26th.

Mean Temperature for the month 44°.

Total precipitation 1.55 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.41 inches from the 16th to the 17th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 10 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1920	\$904.70
Deposited during the month	89.25
	\$993.95
Withdrawn during the month	84.94
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1920	\$909.01

### Our Thanks

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I am thankful that I live in a peaceful country that has a good President, and where there is plenty of food, and where you may worship

God in your own way. I am thankful that I am where I am not getting into mischief all the time and that I can grow strong in body and in mind. I am thankful I have such a good mother and for the letters she sends me. I am thankful for a good teacher, a good school and a good minister. I am thankful that my mother and I are not sick and for the many friends I have and they, too, are well. I am thankful for the work that has been assigned to me and that I am living in an age of invention.

ROBERT F. THOMPSON

I am thankful that I have a father and mother, and that I have a good school to go to, where I can learn to do woodwork and play an instrument. I am thankful for what Mr. Bradley and the instructors are doing for me. I am thankful that I am not going hungry as some of the poor people are. I am thankful that the world war is over in which so many young men were killed.

ARTHUR W. GAUNT

### Third Class

I am thankful for my mother, for my health and friends. I am thankful that I have a chance to be at this school and have a chance to learn different things. I am thankful that I have a chance to be educated.

HERBERT E. NOBLE

I am thankful for a great many things but most of all my mother, brother and sister. I am thankful to be at a School where I am learning so much that is useful to me. I am thankful for our good Superintendent and instructors.

IVER E. WINMILL

I am thankful for the home I have here and its opportunities. I am thankful that I have friends. I am thankful that I can have plenty of time for study and work and play. I am thankful for the good times I have at different times in the year. I am thankful for good friends.

LEANDOR E. DOREY

I am thankful for a good place in which to work. I am also thankful for my instructor. I am thankful for my school teacher. I am thankful for a place to get my education. I am thankful for my band instructor who helps me to learn my music.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL

I am thankful that I have a good mother. I am thankful for living in such a good school and that I have good health. I am thankful for our sports and that I have a good teacher. I am thankful that I have good instructors over me. I am thankful that I have many good friends.

GEORGE A. ADAMS

### Fourth Class

I am thankful for a mother and that she isn't sick. I am thankful that I am an American. I am thankful that the United States has such good soil and crops and that this is a prosperous country.

WILLIAM J. HAYDEN

I'm thankful for the rain and snow,  
And for the things they help to grow,  
For fruits to eat,  
For flowers so sweet,  
For leaves and grass about my feet.

ROBERT H. CARNEY

I am thankful that I live in a religious country with peaceful people. I am thankful for a mother and father. I am thankful for a good Thanksgiving dinner. I am thankful that I have plenty of warm clothing.

ROBERT L. MCALISTER

I am thankful for a father, sister, grandparents, and aunts and uncles. I am thankful they are all well. I am thankful I have a place to live and learn my lessons. I am thankful I am in the first grade.

ALTON B. BUTLER

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"Yes, the sun has spots, but don't think of the spots: think of the light."

## Repairing the Fire Box

Recently it was discovered that the brick wall of the furnace needed repairing. About 10:30 in the evening of November 19, the furnace fires of the Power House were allowed to die out, and I cleaned the ashes from the grates. This cut off heat from the buildings, but we built a fire in the Stockroom stove, where there is a boiler to supply hot water. At seven o'clock a mason came to work on the brick wall in the furnace. About ten-thirty o'clock we had the Nash Gas engine running. We then started to work on the water column; we packed the nuts on the water glass, and put a new gasket on the top of the column. All the valves on the column were packed. About five o'clock we built fires in the furnace. About six o'clock we started the Ames Steam engine. By this time the steam was on in the buildings. At nine o'clock the service which heats the hot water tanks was turned on. Everything was then cleaned and put in order.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD

## Good Luck at Rattling

One Saturday afternoon three other boys and I took a shovel and two of our dogs Babe and Del and walked around the beach. The two dogs ran ahead to see if they could see or smell any rats. At last they caught the scent of a rat so they nosed around until they found the hole. We dug a few minutes and we caught three rats in that hole. Then we went on until we found another one. Here we caught five rats. We next went over to a group of small trees and we caught 10 rats among them. We started to go home along the beach when we heard a bark, looking around we saw Del. He had caught one big rat and was after another. When we reached the house the boys asked us how many we caught and we told them. Then Mr. Brown came and we showed them to him. He told us to take them and throw them out in the field so the owls could get them.

FREDERICK R. METCALF

## A Toss up Coin

One of the intructors gave me a large round coin about as big as a fifty cent piece. This coin is made of brass, and is a toss up piece. On one side is the picture of a dog's head and the words, "Heads you win." Under this is written, "We will meet you in 'Frisco in 1915." On the other side is a picture of a dog's tail, and beside it is written "Tails you lose." Under this is written "J. Moyce, and C. Powers, Northampton, Mass. to San Francisco, Cal. 1914." This is a very nice toss up coin and I use it quite often.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON

## Scrubbing

Almost all our floors are wooden so it is necessary to do a lot of scrubbing to keep them clean. First they are scrubbed with soap and water and then washed and wiped. After two squares are scrubbed the water is changed. With clean water two squares are scrubbed again. This is done repeatedly till the floor is clean. A scrubbing outfit consists of a pail, a scrub brush, a scrub cloth, kneeling pad and piece of soap.

PHILIP F. LEARY

## Owls

There are about eight owls on our Island. One day another boy and I were digging up an apple tree near the orchard. We happened to be talking about the owls, when I turned around and saw a big one following a rat trail. He was flying along very slowly and straight up about two feet from the ground when he turned toward me and flew about five feet over my head. I had a pretty good look at him. He was brown and his head was as flat as a board.

HERBERT E. WRIGHT

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"These three things are useless: to think without working, to speak without doing, to wish without willing."

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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JOHN M. SARGENT, ex '98, while working in Everett met with an accident that laid him up for a time. He now works for James H. Graham, '77, janitor of the Fiske Building, and is living at 49 Norwood St., Everett.

AXEL E. RENQUIST, ex '03, has come across with the true School spirit. We wrote to him concerning money which had accumulated in the Farm School Bank from a small sum which he left here. He responded by accepting half, but returning the rest to the School as follows: one half to the Alumni Fund, and the remainder for six years' payment ahead for the Beacon, and seven years' advance payment for Alumni dues!

Axel is employed by The Crompton Co., in the cutting department (velvets and corduroys). Since leaving the School, he has worked in a print shop and six years as an iron molder. He says his musical training here has helped him quite a bit, and he is still making use of it. His address is No. 96, Crompton, R. I.

WILLIAM C. J. FRUEH, '05, is employed as machinist at the Package Paper & Supply Co., Springfield, makers of machinery for filling and wrapping groceries in package form. William is married, and has two sons and a daughter.

FOSTER B. HOYE, ex '07, hoped to visit Boston this January, and to attend the Alumni Dinner while here, but on account of a serious injury to his right knee, he was obliged to postpone his trip. Foster lives at 505 Stone Street, Watertown, N. Y. He has a family of five, and, as he says, makes enough to break even with the world.

GEORGE R. JORDAN, '13, spent the night of September 6th at the School.

When he left the School he went to work for the McGraw-Hill Co., New York City, an electrical concern, and has remained with them ever since. Recently he has been made an advertising representative, a position which has good possibilities ahead.

George enlisted ten days after the United States declared war, and was sent to Canada for training in the aviation section, and soon after to San Antonio, Texas. He began to train to be a military observer, studying wireless and military map reading, bombing, etc., but did not finish his training in this study as he was sent to France the latter part of 1917, and saw immediate service. He had one rather bad accident in the Belgium sector, and was in the hospital for six months altogether, but was back in time for the Chateau Thierry battle, serving as an anti-aircraft machine gunner then and until the end of the war. His total service in France was about one and a half years.

His address is 3495 Broadway, New York City.

WALTER I. TASSINARI, '14, was a recent visitor at the School. After his graduation he went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad in New York, at first as air brake inspector in the Long Island City yards, and later in the Pennsylvania Station Terminal, as a brakeman, meeting all trains about to leave, cutting off extra cars, etc. He came back to the School from there for the 1916 reunion, being the graduate who returned from the greatest distance. Since then Walter has worked as electrician for various concerns, including the Fidelity Trust Company, the Edison Plant on L Street and a hospital in Dover, N. H., where the electric wiring was being replaced. Recently he has been doing electrical work in Lexington, Mass.

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## The Christmas Concert

Every Christmas we have a concert which takes place on the Sunday following Christmas. This year, Christmas Day being Saturday, it was thought best to have it occur on the Sunday following Christmas Day. Chapel was prettily decorated having a Christmas scene in the background which represented a brick house with a snow covered roof, in the center of which there was an open doorway. In back of this there was an imitation fireplace with stockings hung up. In front of the house on each side were evergreens strung with tiny colored electric lights which made it very attractive. The program was as follows:

Song	Hail The Day	Recitation	A Christmas Song
	Choir		William J. Hayden
Prayer	Mr. Bonny	Song	Merry Christmas
Scripture Reading	Eight Boys	Recitation	Choir
Song	Music of the Bells	Recitation	Different Views of Christmas
	Choir		Alexander McKenzie, Wyllis A. West
Recitation	Christmas Bells	Cornet Duet	O Little Town of Bethlehem
	Howard E. Keith		Waldo E. Libby, Eric O. Schippers
Violin Duet	Silent Night	Recitation	I Remember, I Remember
	Clifton E. Albee, Ralph S. Blake,		Kenneth A. Priest
Randall G. Thornton		Trio	The Christmas Story
Recitation	The Sparrows		Walter H. Curtis, Kenneth E. Kearns,
	Ivers E. Winmill		John M. Levis
Song	Babe of Bethlehem	Recitation	O Little Town of Bethlehem
	Choir		James H. Beattie, Henry E. Gilchrist
			Raymond Thomas
		Song	The Gift Day is Here
			Choir
		Recitation	The Landing of the Pilgrims
			George L. Langill
		Song	Echo the Beautiful Song
			Choir
		Recitation	A Name in the Sand
			John M. Ely, Jr.
		Baritone Solo	Christmas Carol
			Malcolm E. Cameron
		Recitation	Babouska
			Theodore B. Hadley
		Song	Where is Jesus
			Choir
		Recitation	Ring Out Wild Bells
			Barton N. Slade

Song	Starlight and Song
	Choir
Remarks	Mr. Bradley CLIFTON E. ALBEE

### Christmas Day

Christmas morning dawned cold and snowless but with the sun shining brightly. Those who hung up their stocking awoke to find candy, nuts and money in them. The necessary work was finished at 8.30. A company of boys dressed in blue army overcoats marched down to the Wharf to meet President Arthur Adams, who was to spend the day with us.

The procession returned by way of Back Road with the drums beating, the national and School colors flying. When they came by Gardner Hall the other boys who grouped themselves for the purpose in front of the building jumped out and shouted "Merry Christmas" to our guest. The procession marched around in front of the Main Building where there were many cheers given for Mr. Adams, Mr. Bradley and Christmas Day. At 10 o'clock we went to the Assembly Hall which was brilliantly decorated for the occasion; Santa Claus came in and greeted us, explaining that owing to the lack of snow he was late and that next year he would come by aeroplane. Mr. Bradley then threw horns, whistles and rattlers out to every one and instantly there was a jovial noise. Mr. Bradley and three instructors assisted in giving out the gifts. When an instructor's name was called everybody applauded. The boys gave Mr. Bradley a bouquet of flowers. After all the other presents were given out, a box of chocolates was given to each instructor and boy from Mr. Richard Bell, Treasurer of the Alumni Association. Mr. Bradley then read names of various friends of the School who wished us a Merry Christmas.

After dinner some of the boys read the books they received or played with the games they received. About 2:30 we went to the

entertainment in the Assembly Hall which was very good. In the evening we had our bath as it was Saturday night. And then everybody went to bed feeling happy and with hearts full of thankfulness for those who had given and provided for them.

RALPH M. ROGERS

### The Christmas Entertainment

As usual we had an entertainment Christmas afternoon provided for by President Arthur Adams. It was very good and had quite a variety of things. There were four people besides a pianist. The only woman among them was Mohala, a mind reader. She was quite clever, we thought. She was blindfolded. Then Floyd, her assistant, went up and down the aisles taking little things that we gave him and she would tell him what they were. Then Floyd got a black board and a piece of chalk, and went to a boy asking the boy to write some numbers on it. Mohala told what they were. Floyd also did some puzzling tricks. Another member repeated poems and stories in French-Canadian dialect.

Then Joe Lorraine, who was best of all because he was so full of life, played the banjo, bells and xylophones and made noises with his mouth like aeroplanes and auto races and many others. We all enjoyed it exceedingly.

CLARENCE H. COLBURN

### My Part in the Concert

A week before Christmas Mr. Kihlstrom asked me if I would practice a Christmas song on my violin and get ready to play in the Christmas Concert. The name of the piece was "Holy Night." He also gave a copy to Thornton, the other violinist, and to Albee, the pianist. After practicing all the week we could play it fairly well. When the night of the concert came we marched into Chapel. After three boys had recited, it was our turn. Albee played the piano and Thornton and I the violin. That was my first experience as a violinist in front of an audience.

RALPH S. BLAKE, JR.

### Meeting Mr. Adams

A week before Christmas, Rogers organized two squads of boys to meet Mr. Adams at the Wharf on Christmas morning. The corporal of the first squad was Robertson and the corporal of the second squad was Pickels. Each squad consisted of eight boys including the corporal. There was also a color bearer and two color guards. Every morning Rogers, the captain, drilled us in the gymnasium. Some mornings we marched down the Rear Avenue to the Wharf and returned by way of Back Road.

On Christmas morning at nine o'clock, we went down into the Banking Room and put on blue uniforms that were used in the Civil War. When we were all ready, we assembled in front of the Old Elm. We drilled around the hedge until the boat came in sight. We then marched down to the Wharf accompanied by snare drums, bass drum and cymbals, and stood at attention until Mr. Adams got off the Pilgrim. We then gave three rousing cheers for Mr. Adams and shouted, "Merry Christmas," until we were nearly out of breath. Marching up the road we looked fine. At the head was the captain with his sword, followed by the color guards and color bearer with a large silk American flag which the wind blew straight out. Then came a column of blue soldiers followed by the drummers, Mr. Buchan beating the bass drum. We marched around Gardner Hall where the rest of the boys were waiting for us. What a noise! It seemed as if the air was filled with "Merry Christmas!" After marching around the Main Building followed by the School, we stopped at a window at which Mr. Bradley was leaning out. Mr. Bradley suggested that we give Mr. Adams three cheers which were given heartily. Then Mr. Adams suggested that we give Mr. Bradley three cheers. After giving our Superintendent three rousing cheers we were dismissed.

EDWARD V. OSBERG

### Christmas Carols

In England a great many years ago they had a custom of singing carols the night before Christmas. A few days before that time this year, sixteen boys rehearsed singing four carols. Christmas eve we went down to the clothing room and put on some blue army overcoats with capes which had been worn in the Civil War.

We then assembled by the corner of the Main Building nearest the Old Elm and sang, "Joy to The World." After we were nearly through the other boys came out and stood around us. Then we went into the Court and sang other pieces. Then Mr. Bradley and the instructors threw out money to us.

After we had sung in front of all the windows lighted by candles we were invited to Mr. Bradley's apartments and had a good time. The piano was played for us and we had refreshments. Then some of the boys looked at photographs of the School.

JOHN M. LEVIS

### How Our Chapel Looked

On December 25, at ten A. M. all of us passed to the Chapel to receive our presents. When we were seated and were waiting for Santa Claus I began to observe the room. In front there was a house apparently made of brick. There was a door in the center, a fire place in back with stockings hanging from the shelf. They were filled with toys. There were five windows in the house, also a small chimney. The roof was covered with artificial snow. There were about a dozen trees filled with presents, also many on the floor. In among the trees was a sign which read 90° longitude, and 0° latitude. The Chapel lights were covered with twigs and artificial icicles, also holly covered chains. The windows were decorated with crepe paper and bells. It was a wonderfully pretty picture and added much to our Christmas.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN

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Christmas is with us again, and once more we hear "Joy to the World" sung by candlelit windows; again we meet our visitors with drums and cheers, and again we shout as the gifts are

distributed from the twinkling trees. The green, the red, and the white of Christmas reveal themselves for us, as in a kaleidoscope, in a new form—our Christmas house of yesterday becomes a dim fir forest of today.

Each year it seems as if we never before had had such a Merry Christmas, and between times we discuss the day and compare it with those of other years. "Do you remember the Santa Claus workshop two years ago?" "That was a good show we had last year," and so on.

Perhaps in the minds of some, this review goes back further still, and we picture groups of long ago, Farm School boys like ourselves, who year by year have thrilled as we do today with the thought of a holiday, Christmas associations, and the possibilities that are hung on that tree. For Christmas must always have been a day of days even though the entertainment provided in the early years may seem to us, now, painfully meagre.

Let us recall briefly what we know concerning a few of those by-gone Christmases. The first mention we find in 1848, fifteen years after the School moved to Thompson's Island. The record says:

"This being Christmas day, the boys have the same dinner and dessert as on Thanksgiving. They appeared very happy, had several kinds of games of amusement, and in the evening played blind man's bluff."

A year later:

"A good dinner of roast, pies, etc., was furnished the boys. They spent the day mostly in skating and the evening in playing blind man's bluff, hunt the squirrel, etc., and retired to rest gratified and weary with sport."

In 1849 appears the first mention of a Christmas tree, "a handsome Christmas tree was loaded with presents for each person on the Island."

In 1856, five years before the beginning of the Civil War, we read that Christmas Day was "one long to be remembered . . . Rev. L. E. Caswell had obtained . . . a large quantity

of cake, figs, candy and apples as a feast for the boys . . . and a fine time we had of it."

In 1875, we read "everybody happy. The boys have enjoyed their presents today, skates, sleds, tippets, mittens, etc. Our tree was splendid and all had something on it."

In 1881, "everything was done that could be to make a happy day for all concerned. In the evening a very beautiful tree, laden with much to make glad the eye and heart, was unveiled and soon stripped of all its artificial beauties, which were bestowed upon the expectant scholars."

In 1884, "the drama "My Brother's Keeper" was well enacted. A fine tree, as fine as we ever had. When the curtain was removed from before it, it was most rapturously cheered."

And in 1885, we "had a pleasant time in the Hall, and a tree set in a dory with sail set representing the bringing of bundles home from the city."

As we read these short descriptions, we cannot but realize how many pleasures we have now, at Christmas, and through the year, of which those boys of an earlier time had no idea. By 1898 the School had acquired its Christmas concert on Sunday eve, and in 1904 came the first Christmas afternoon entertainment provided by our Manager, which today has become an important part in our fun, and gradually have been added other pleasures which help to make the Christmas season pleasant.

Much of the fun we ourselves help to bring about. Much of it means good hard work on the part of instructors and boys. The Christmas concert and the carol singing represent painstaking preparation; in the Chapel an elaborate Christmas scene does not come overnight. This work of getting ready may be a pleasure in itself, and cannot, we believe, but make us appreciate the actual festivities all the more. As we hear boy after boy remark that "he has had more fun than he would have had at home" (a decided compliment, for what boy is there who

hasn't a longing for home at Christmas time?) we feel that our effort and the gifts of individuals has not been in vain. Perhaps for most boys the power of appreciation does not come till later in life, but we believe that later this appreciation does come, and our boy looks back to his Christmases here as to some of the pleasantest times of his life. The fun and liveliness of the day, the lesson he has had in doing his part with the rest, the series of beautiful pictures that come as a part of the season, all these will remain in his mind, and color for him his associations of Christmas.

Yes, we have much undreamed of by those boys who on Christmas Day "played blind man's buff and retired to rest gratified and weary with sport. Theirs was a simpler, quieter age than ours; what we have come to expect, almost as a matter of course, would have seemed to them too good to be true.

In imagination we can see those rows of "expectant scholars" with their quaint clothes and with hair plastered on forehead, yet, we know, they were boys not unlike ourselves. And while we may appreciate the added pleasures and improvements that have come with time, to this, as to any growing organization, we cannot but like and respect those boys of long ago. They lived without luxuries, but what kind of men they became, and what the School teachings did for them, the annals of our Alumni show.

It is said that the graduates of any School are its best advertisement, and we trust that when our turn comes and we have our chance to prove ourselves, we may give the Farm School boys of a future generation no reason to hear our names spoken otherwise than with pride. For by us will our School be judged; through our useful and straightforward lives and by our loyal co-operation will she advance; by our efforts will be obtained, for our brothers of tomorrow, far greater opportunities than we have known.

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**Calendar**

Dec. 1 Dentist here to examine boys' teeth.

Plowed corn-field back of Cottage Row.

Dec. 2 Cleaned Storage Barn.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Dec. 3 Drawing gravel at South End.

Four little pigs, three Berkshires and one Chester White received from Manager Richard M. Saltonstall.

Band concert and dancing in the evening.

Dec. 8 Business meeting of the Alumni Association. New officers elected as follows:

President: James H. Graham, '97

Vice Presidents: Chief, Henry A. Fox, '79

Lawrence A. Cobb, '14

Secretary: Merton P. Ellis, '99

Treasurer: Richard Bell, '73

Historian: Howard F. Lochrie, '16.

The First Class held a dance in the evening.

George Buchan, '97, here for the night.

Dec. 9 Motion pictures in the evening.

Dec. 10 President Arthur Adams visited the School.

Baseball shield and cups given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby, given out to the boys.

Two horses humanely disposed of.

Finished plowing corn-field north of Cottage Row. Finished sorting potatoes.

Herbert Antell, '19, here for the night.

Dec. 13 Repaired East Side Dike.

Dec. 14 Junk taken in barge to Cow Pasture.

Dec. 15 Three cows and a boar sold.

Dec. 16 Six boys went to the dentist.

Motion pictures in evening.

Beginning to put winter sheathing on the "Pilgrim."

Dec. 17 Pruning trees.

Finished putting sheathing on the "Pilgrim."

Dec. 20 Dressed pig weighing 320 lbs.

Dec. 22 Killed two geese.

Dec. 23 Six boys went to the dentist.

Dec. 24 Carols sung around the house at lighted windows by Miss Winslow, Mr. Bemis and sixteen boys.

Dec. 25 Christmas. Distribution of presents from the Christmas tree in the morning. Entertainment in the afternoon, provided for by President Arthur Adams.

Joe Lorraine, Y. M. C. A. Minstrel.

Floyd, Slight of hand performer.

Mohala, Mind-reader.

J. B. Thrasher, Story teller.

Gift of chocolates from Mr. Richard Bell, '73.

Gift of peanuts from Mr. Edward Capaul, ex '07.

Gift of fruit from Manager Tucker Daland.

President Arthur Adams here for the day. Met at Wharf by a squad of boys with drums and cymbals.

Dec. 26. Christmas Concert in the evening.

Dec. 27 John A. Robertson, '15, came to spend a part of his vacation here, and help as needed.

William B. Cross, '18, here for over night.

Dec. 29 Finished husking corn.

Dec. 30 Seven boys went to the dentist.

Albert Anderson, '20, and Philip M. Landry, ex '20, here to spend a few days.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Dec. 31 Bull, John of the Abbey, killed and dressed. Weight, 987 lbs.

Manager Philip S. Sears visited the School.

Graduates, Clifford G. Leonard, '16, Gordon H. Cameron, '18, and Everett B. Leland, '19, came to spend New Years' at the School.

**Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870**

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

Dec. 2 Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Deblois came at noon—rowing over themselves.

Dec. 3 Self very busy putting up stoves and making all comfortable.

Dec. 13 Wrote boys' letters for Christ-

mas. Took charge of it myself. Completed them all. Mrs. M. went to Quincy via Squantum. One man plowing.

Dec. 14 Went to town today carrying the boys' letters, nearly one hundred of them.

Dec. 15 Cold day,—a great contrast to yesterday. No crossing. Engaged in fitting boys' boots.

Dec. 18 The Supt. and teachers officiated. It would be a treat indeed to listen to some strange voice, to hear new ideas advanced, but such is not our privilege. Day after day we must take the general care of the boys, disciplining where necessary, and on Sundays turn our School-room into a chapel and supply the place of pastor as best we can. We feel that instead of being pastor, we need ministering unto.

Dec. 23 Went to city to get boys' Christmas bundles. Had a full boat load of them. Had an uncomfortable time getting them.

Dec. 24 We had our Christmas tree this eve, and a fine time we had. The boys have been busy enough with their bundles all day. The bundles ranged . . . . in size, and were well filled and packed. Truly 'twas a "Merry Christmas" indeed for the boys. May we have many such.

Dec. 31 Carried in accounts and settled with the Treasurer. Thus closes the year, which has been one of health and prosperity, worthy to be placed on record with the many which have passed before.

### December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 59° on the 14th.

Minimum Temperature 18° on the 26th.

Mean Temperature for the month 35°.

Total precipitation .52 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .30 inches on the 22nd.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1920	\$909.01
Deposited during the month	153.51
	\$1062.52
Withdrawn during the month	206.13
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1921	\$856.39

### Looking in Our Stocking

When we went to bed Christmas Eve we hung up our stockings. I hung up another boy's because mine had a hole in it and I wanted to be on the safe side. About three o'clock I got up and looked in my stocking and I found five chocolates and a nickel. I woke up the boy beside me and told him to look in his stocking and he found something in his, too. In about five minutes everybody was awake, talking, and the watchman had to tell us to stop.

HOWARD E. KEITH

### A Contest

One day our Printing Office instructor told the boys of the Printing Office that the one who made the best cover design for the Christmas Program would be given a prize. He gave us three days in which to make our covers. The design would have to be an original idea and within a certain size. Henry Clifford won the the prize which was a Waterman fountain pen. We always like a contest and we can probably have another one at Easter. We all enjoyed working out our designs. IVERS E. WINMILL

### A Useful Christmas Present

Christmas brought me at least one present for which I was very anxious. It was a "Chem-craft" chemistry set. It contains 43 different chemicals, test tubes, funnel, gas delivery and other apparatus used in chemistry. All harmful and deadly poisonous substances are excluded. With it I can do chemical magic, manufacture colored and sympathetic inks, dye tests for alkalis and acids, food tests, prepare chlorine gas and many other things. It is useful, instructive and amusing. CYRUS W. DURGIN

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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West Roxbury

JOHN M. SARGENT, '97, has returned to Boston after a year in New Brunswick, and is now employed in the painting department of the Town Taxi Company.

HENRY W. SOWERS, ex '14, visited the School September 10, 1920.

When he left the School in 1910, he went to Enosburgh Falls, Vermont, and attended high school for two years. He remained there on a farm for about two years afterwards. He next went to Burlington Business College for a while, and from there into the service. He was in the Quartermasters Corps, and was in the service for three years, and 28 months overseas. He was in France for the first eighteen months, and later in Belgium, and Holland, and back to France. He was discharged on August 14, 1919. From September 8th until January 15th last year, he worked for the New York Edison Company, and since then he has been connected with the reorganization department of the Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City. His address is 375 West 55th Street, New York City.

Henry is engaged to Miss Gladys E. Young and hopes to be married within a year. Miss Young is a district nurse in Belmont, Mass., and is a graduate of the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, Vermont.

To GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT, '14, a daughter, Margaret Evelyn, 6 lbs. 2 oz., March 30, 1920.

EARL C. MILLER, ex '15 and Mrs. Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Pearl Agnes Miller, on October 23, 1920, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz.

IVERS R. ALLEN, '16, is working in a lunch room in Oklahoma City, Okla. He has gone there to work for his uncle who has a small but reliable business. Ivers wished he might be present at the Alumni dinner, but he was too far away. His address is 314 West Grand Ave., Oklahoma.

To ELDRED W. ALLEN, '16, a son, Malcolm Mitchell Allen, born on Saturday, Nov. 27th, weighing eight pounds. Eldred is still in Meredith, N. H.

CLARENCE E. SLINGER, '17, is now working for the Emerson Shoe Company, being in charge of inspection in the lining department in their factory in Rockland, Mass. Before going to work for this company, Clarence was for some months in the upper leather department of Rice & Hutchins, (shoes), also located in Rockland. His address is 66 Williams Street, Rockland, Mass.

LAURENCE A. MURPHY, '18, writes concerning joining the Alumni Association and other matters. Laurence is working in an apron factory in Boston. He says that while he isn't very busy, he feels rather fortunate to have work, with conditions as they are at present. Laurence has taken cornet lessons ever since he left the School. His address is 124 High St. East Weymouth, Mass.

WARREN F. NOYES, '19, is planning to take an agricultural course in the New Hampshire College. This is a course open during the fall and winter months only.



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## An Interesting Lecture

Mr. Curtis, one of our managers, visited us January 29, 1921. In the evening he told us all about his recent hunting trip in Africa. It was illustrated by stereoptican views, which were made from pictures taken on his trip. He went out there to hunt lions, hyenas, zebras, and other big game. He told us first about his party. He had about 50 men in all, and the only white man besides himself was his guide, a man named Percival. He was a very brave man and a well known guide in Africa. The two things which white men who go there have to look out for are, the sun which shines directly overhead and the tsetse fly. They wear heavy helmets so they will not get a sun stroke. They carry medicine to protect themselves against the tsetse fly. He had three boys who were his guards. Two carried ammunition and one always followed him. They were Mohammedans of the Massi tribe and would not eat any of the meat unless they killed it themselves. Sometimes Mr. Curtis would let the Mohammedans kill the lion that he wounded. He had porters to carry the tents and other luggage. There was a wagon full of corn and meal for the servants which was drawn by 20 oxen. He paid the Massis about six dollars a month in English money. They could get it changed into their kind of money.

The guns the natives use are very heavy but the Massi Indians have a long lance which they throw at their victims when they wish to

kill them. They are very skillful in throwing these. They also have a long knife for another weapon. Some of them still have bows and arrows. We were glad to hear that the British did not interfere with their habits of life. They can do anything they wish except kill their own people or anyone else. They have odd dances and many other queer customs. They wear but little clothing which consists of a blanket around themselves. The warriors have queer hats made of bird skin or of an animal.

Another interesting thing is the way mail is brought into camp. A man comes running into camp with a long stick in one hand with a paper at one end. He is called a runner but carries mail the same as a mail man. He also has a revolver in the other hand for his protection. One day a boy came running into camp and told Mr. Curtis there were some lions out in a dried stream bed near by. Mr. Curtis and his guard went out in front of the lions and some other servants went in back of them. The servants drove the lions in sight so Mr. Curtis could shoot them. He said he was afraid to shoot them because if he missed them he would be liable to kill one of his servants, though he fired and hit one of the lions and killed it. That was his first lion. He killed many other animals of different kinds during his stay in Africa. Some of his specimens will be given to Harvard University.

We all enjoyed hearing about this expedition and learned many things from the lecture

and from the fine pictures. We thanked Mr. Curtis for his visit to us.

JOHN M. LEVIS

### Going After Grain

One day last week Mr. Brown picked out seven other boys and myself to go to City Point to help bring over a load of grain. We reported to Mr. Ferguson on the steamer and started for City Point.

We got there before the team had come. When it did arrive it did not take long to load the grain because there were only 34 bags. But there was still another team coming with 80 bags. We loaded the bow, inside the cabin, and the stern deck. All of it could not be taken in one load, so some was left in the locker to be taken in another trip.

We crossed the harbor and when about 50 feet from the Wharf the signal was blown for freight, one long blast and one short.

We landed at the stone dock. After the grain was all off we started back to City Point. There was not quite so much this time so it was loaded just on the decks. Returning the second time we unloaded at the same place. Then the steamer was put at the north side float where it usually lies and we went to school.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

### Historical Anecdote

Lately we have been studying about Ex-President Andrew Jackson. History tells us one interesting incident about his boyhood. During the Revolution, Jackson, then fourteen, was a prisoner in a British camp. One of the commanding officers ordered him to clean his boots. Young Jackson refused, saying that he was prisoner of war and therefore he was not to perform such acts of drudgery. The officer in a great rage lifted his sword and hit him on the forehead and arm. Jackson carried these scars to his grave.

GEORGE E. RUSSELL

### Base Ball Cups

One Thursday evening recently, before motion pictures, Mr. Bradley came into the Assembly Hall with a big box under his arm. The boys all knew that it contained the base-ball shield and cups given by one of our managers, Mr. S. V. R. Crosby. Mr. Crosby has given these cups for a long time and says, "will keep it up."

The cups and shield are quite expensive. The boys that receive a cup are made quite happy for these are given as a reward for fair play, good spirit, and square dealing.

The boys who received the cups are as follows:

Luke W. B. Halfyard, Pitcher  
 Daniel E. Smith, Catcher  
 Edward J. Robertson, First Base  
 James B. Rouse, Second Base  
 Ralph MacC. Rogers, Third Base  
 Kenneth E. Kearns, Short Stop  
 George A. Adams, Left Field  
 Willis M. Smith, Center Field  
 Ivers E. Winmill, Right Field  
 Theodore B. Hadley, Sub. Pitcher  
 Waldo E. Libby, Sub. Catcher  
 William T. Marcus, Sub. Short Stop

Team A won the shield. Luke W. B. Halfyard was the captain of team A.

RUSSELL F. METCALF

### A Queer Whistle

A few days ago I heard a queer whistle. At first I thought it was a stray cow, so I asked a boy and he told me it was a whistle over in Boston. I listened a minute and I heard it again. He listened too. "It sounds like a cow, doesn't it?" He agreed it did. It fools many people.

CHARLES N. ROBBINS

### Owls

About two years ago there was only one owl on our Island, now there are from four to

five. We are glad to have so many because they catch the rats. These owls are gray and brown. We see them flying around in the day time especially on a dark day because the owls can see better in the dark. When we come across a rat half eaten we know that an owl has killed it. We see the owls on the South End of the Island more often. With our five dogs and the owls many rats meet their death.

JOHN GOODHUE, JR.

### Giving out the Cups

Monday night we went up to the Assembly Hall to listen to grade reading. The boys grades were announced for the week. Then the Shaw Conduct prizes and Temple Consolation prizes were given out and later the Crosby Football Cups and Shield, so called because they are presented by Mr. S. V. R. Crosby, one of our Managers. A shield is given to the winning team in baseball, football and basketball. The shield was won by team C whose captain was James B. Rouse. A cup is given to the best player in that position in which he plays. Boys who received cups are as follows:

Ernest J. Olson Right End  
 Eric O. Schippers Right Tackle  
 Mahlon H. Montieth Right Guard  
 Theodore B. Hadley Center  
 Desmond Anderson Left Guard  
 John H. Schippers Left tackle  
 George D. Russell Left End  
 Luke W. B. Halfyard Quarter Back  
 John M. Ely Left Half Back  
 James B. Rouse Full Back  
 Ralph M. Rogers Right Half Back  
 Kenneth E. Kearns Sub. Right End  
 Ivers E. Winmill Sub. Center  
 Kenneth L. Drown S. Left Half Back

PHILIP F. LEARY

### Decorating the Assembly Hall

As we were to celebrate Mr. Bradley's birthday the evening before, on February 12, we wished to have the Assembly Hall appropriately decorated. So Friday afternoon the first class officers began decorating. As Lincoln's Birth-

day is one day before Mr. Bradley's we thought we would use the patriotic colors red, white and blue, as well as the blue and gold School colors. We got flags and crepe paper from the loft and pennants from the clothing room. Three flags were attached to each light, and red, white and blue crepe paper was strung across from light to light. Most of the large pictures were decorated with flags, and blue and gold scarfs. The windows also were decorated with blue and gold pennants and in the middle of the lower part of each window there was put an eagle. Abraham Lincoln's picture was taken from the wall and put on a large easel, and a large American flag was wrapped around it. At the further end of the hall were three flags in a group, on one side was the School colors on the other side was the Massachusetts flag and in the center was the American flag. There were various kinds of plants on the window sills, and a tall rubber plant on each side of the entrance. The decorations fitted the occasion very well and added much to a pleasant occasion.

JAMES B. ROUSE

### Polishing a Floor

Some times when I finish my regular work I polish one of the floors I have to keep clean. I usually do this on Tuesdays. The first thing I do is to get a pail of water and wipe the floor. Then I put some wax on the floor after it is dry. When that is done I take a weight and polish it. After 15 minutes I put a cloth under the weight and go over the floor for another 15 minutes. When this is done I put my things away and I am all finished.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN

### A Queer Happening

One day two other boys and myself were walking along the beach. I noticed an extra large billow coming in. I did not say anything to the other boys about it, but they noticed it also. When about 20 feet out in the water it broke. At first I was surprised for a wave as big as an ocean wave broke on our beach. I looked for more but could see none.

GEORGE A. ADAMS

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There are many not suffering from sleeping sickness who can be said to be sleeping their lives away. Their true selves are asleep, because of the lack of a vital vision. They have never yet had a living, definite aim in life, that would spur them and call them into action.

Without a fixed purpose, the man is like a horse that is tied to a tree; he moves but never advances to fresh fields and new attainments.

Let us note the difference between a wish and an aim in life. The person who wishes merely taps with a cane the rock that blocks his progress, while he who has a vital purpose drills the rock, then blasts it, and goes on to his goal.

The basketball team, whose members have made it a real, definite aim to get the shield, will be the winning team. The reason is that their determination, which comes as a result of their purpose, carries them through the games. The captain suggests that they have some practice work, and so the whole team lays aside the little things they are doing in their free time, and takes up the big thing. There is no complaint because they feel the vision, they see their goal, the shield and the cup.

Value of the aim in school life is that it organizes our forces. We know that the mob life in the mental area is useless against an organized mind. The steam in the boiler of the Pilgrim is of no use until it is directed to the engine. It is then the engine has the chance to do its work. So our aim in life is a force which organizes the steam of our energies, and by it we are driven toward our goal. Our brains, hand and heart will unite in the forward drive.

Let not the fear of failure cause us to aim low. To aim low is a crime. To-day the

world is calling out for leaders, and will continue to need them for many years to come. The men must have strong, noble aims, with a clear vision, and a willingness to serve their God and their Country.

Mark those in school who have an aim in life, for they are the ones who will be respected, loved and remembered long after they have left the School.

The bell finishes calling the boys into the class room. We wonder how many of them, as they enter the room, know that they are in a place that is lovingly remembered by many an "old boy," because the class room has been the birth place of many a life's vision. Life took on a new meaning to them then, and they no longer drifted. The Island School became an object of love, because it was the mother of their ideal and aim.

We do love thee, Island School,  
For thou didst give our vision bright.  
May thy class rooms ever be

The source of wisdom, strength and light.

Now let us look at this matter squarely; are we getting the most out of our classes or our work? In a word have we an aim? If not, why not acquire one? This does not mean to adopt an aim for a fad, half-heartedly or for the moment, because it may seem the correct thing to do. Being convinced that to have an aim is necessary to a healthy attitude of mind, and in order to accomplish worth-while results, let us consider what we really would like to aim for—not forgetting what our special abilities may be. Then, no matter how high the aim we have discovered for ourselves—the higher the better—we may begin at once to mold our lives along this new line. At first it may seem our results are poor, but if we keep our purpose in mind and

work for its accomplishment, an improvement must be achieved, perhaps more noticeable to those around us than to ourselves. Looking back, we see that happy as we formerly might have been, now with an object in mind for which to work, life has acquired a new meaning for us; it became enriched by new interests; through the dull or the brightly woven cloth of our daily life runs the silver threads of our shining dreams.

### Calendar

Jan. 1 Norman F. Farmer, '20, here for New Year's and over Sunday.

Alfred A. Pickels, '19, left the School, and went to work with his father. His address is 64 Robbins St., Waltham, Mass.

Jan. 3 Running manure spreader, drawing gravel and wood.

Jan. 4 Dancing in the evening to take the place of a New Year's Eve party.

Jan. 6 Seven boys to the dentist.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Jan. 8 Working on wood-pile.

Jan. 11 First grade party in the evening.

Jan. 12 Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association held at the Bellevue Hotel. Present from the School, Mr. Bradley with Mr. Brown, and graduates Elwin C. Bernis, '16, Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, and James A. Carson, '20.

Jan. 13 Seven boys went to see the dentist.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Jan. 15 Basket-ball games for 1920-1921 started.

Pruning in young orchard.

Jan. 18 First grade party in the evening.

Jan. 19 Three boys sent to see the oculist.

Jan. 20 Four boys, the last group needing attention, sent to the dentist's.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Dressed pig, weighing 246 lbs.

Jan. 21 Two boys sent second time to see the oculist.

Jan. 25 Annual meeting of the Board of Managers.

Three new managers elected, Mr. Fred T. Field, Mr. M. B. Jones and Mr. Richard B. Wigglesworth.

Mr. Karl Adams, elected at December meeting, present for first time.

First grade party in the evening.

Jan. 27 Motion pictures in the evening.

Jan. 28 Drawing gravel, and sawing wood; pruning apple trees.

Jan. 29 Manager Charles P. Curtis here, and spoke to boys about his African hunting trip.

Jan. 31 The Shaw Conduct Prizes, and the Temple Consolation Prizes, also the Crosby Football Shield and Cups given out after grade reading.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(As KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

Jan. 1 Ushers in another year. May it prove what we term it, a "Happy New Year." May we strive to make it profitable to ourselves and others in all respects. May we ask and strive for that wisdom which is profitable to direct, especially in the way of goodness.

Jan. 2 Still cold. Ice all around us.

Jan. 10 Started at 8:00 o'clock to carry annual report to city. Went across the ice to North Quincy, taking cars at Atlantic station, at 8:45. Returning, arrived home at 12:30 same way.

Jan. 15 The ice nearly all out of harbor.

Jan. 20 Lovely day. Three girls and one teacher went to city returning at 8:00 o'clock eve.

Jan. 22 Weather changing to cold very fast.

Jan. 24 Cold, remained at home and

tried to make everybody comfortable.

Jan. 26 Went straight across the ice to Mr. Reed's, (Squantum) got his horse and went to Neponset and took cars for town. Came out at 1 o'clock in a real snow storm.

Jan. 27 Still very cold and windy with a heavy body of snow on the ground. Snowed in all round.

Jan. 29 More snow nearly all day.

Jan. A beautiful day overhead, thawing in sun. No one over today—to much ice and snow in the way.

### January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 56° on the 5th.

Minimum Temperature 1° on the 25th.

Mean Temperature for the month 13°.

Total precipitation 1.78 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .83 inches on the 14th and 15th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 9 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1921	\$856.39
Deposited during the month	99.74
	\$956.13
Withdrawn during the month	97.70
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1921	\$858.43

### My Gift from the School

As a gift from the School last Christmas several of the boys received a year's subscription to either of these magazines, the American Boy, Boys' Life, and Popular Mechanics. As I like the American Boy best I chose that magazine. It is full of stories of adventure and humor. When I finish mine I usually trade it for a Boys' Life, which is also a very good magazine. In this way I have the advantage of reading two good magazines each month.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE

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DeBlois, George L.	er, Ernest B.
Evans, Thomas J.	Fearing, Arthur D.
Foster, Walter B.	Fearing, Frederick P.
Gardiner, Robert H., Jr.	Graham, James H.
Heffler, Alden B.	Graves, Leslie W.
Jackson, Henry	Herman, Walter
Mason, Charles E.	Holman, Solomon B.
Sears, Philip S.	Howard, Otis M.
Williams, Ralph B.	Jefferson, R. Charles
Bradley, Charles H.	Lochrie, Howard F.
Brown, Clyde F.	Lombard, Frank I.
Dix, Almah L.	Loud, Clarence W.
Alcott, George J.	MacPherson, Donald S.
Alcott, Roger E	Malm, Alfred C.
Angell, Wesley C.	Matthews, Charles W.
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Bell, George L.	Morrison, William P.
Bell, Richard	Morse, William A.
Bemis, Elwin C.	Moss, Norman
Blakeley, Frederick F.	Norwood, Walter D.
Bridgham, Charles H.	Noyes, Warren F.
Brown, Thomas R.	Oberlander, James
Buchan, George	Pendergast, Joseph L.
Buettner, Louis C.	Piercy, Frederick W.
Carson, James A.	Robinson, Joseph C.
Cameron, Malcolm E.	Sargent, John M.
Capaul, Edward	Sears, Clifton H.
Clarke, William S.	Simpson, John J.
Cobb, Lawrence M.	Slinger, John L.
Conklin, John J.	Spear, Charles F.
Darling, Norman W.	Stackpole, S. Gordon
Davis, William F.	Thayer, Frederick P.
Duncan, Charles	Wallace, Frank W.
Ellis, Donald W.	Washburn, Francis L.

### Conduct Prizes

On Monday evening, January 31, we marched to the Assembly Hall where the grade for the last week was read. Then the grade and consolation prizes were given out. Other boys received honorable mention. These prizes are given out every six months to the boys who have stood highest in their conduct.

The boy that has had the fewest marks against his name get first prize and so on down to the tenth prize. These prizes consist of money. The Consolation prizes are books and are the 11th to the 15th prizes inclusive. The

five boys who are next in grade receive honorable mention.

The money prizes are given by Manager Francis Shaw, and the consolation prizes are given by Manager N. Penrose Hallowell.

### SHAW PRIZES

- 1 John M. Ely, Jr.
- 2 James B. Rouse
- 3 Edward J. Robertson
- 4 Theodore B. Hadley
- 5 Cyrus W. Durgin
- 6 David E. Long
- 7 Luke W. B. Halfyard
- 8 Harold B. Buchan
- 9 Malcolm E. Cameron
- 10 Arthur W. Gaunt

### TEMPLE CONSOLATION PRIZES

- 1 Clarence H. Colburn
- 2 William T. Marcus
- 3 John Goodhue, Jr.
- 4 Ivers E. Winmill
- 5 Ernest J. Olson

### HONORABLE MENTION

- 1 Eric O. Schippers
- 2 Kenneth E. Kearns
- 3 Osmond W. Bursiel
- 4 Frank A. Robbins
- 5 Ralph M. Rogers

CHESTER W. BUCHAN

### The New Boys

When a group of new boys come to our Island the boys here are always somewhat excited. First we wonder who will go to Boston to help escort them here. We call the new boys, "New Johnnies" until they have been here six months. After they have arrived, eaten their dinner, had their bath, etc., the boys crowd around asking; "Can you play football? What class are you in? Where did you come from?" A group of new boys came February 17. Of course they were asked all these questions. After a while the newness will wear off and we will forget they are "New Johnnies."

IVERS E. WINMILL

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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HOWARD F. LOCHRIE, '16, Historian  
West Roxbury

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on Dec. 8, at the New Hotel Richwood. Reports of officers and committees were presented, showing a busy and progressive year. The membership was reported to be 182, a gain of 27 for the year. Fifteen new members were elected as follows: Harry W. Gould, ex '22, Tilton N. H., Leonard M. Langton, ex '18, of Greenfield, David B. LeBrun ex '19, of Salem, Frank I. Lombard, '97, of Boston, Norman Moss, '20, of Cambridge, Frederick E. Munich, '20, of Bridgeport, Conn., Arthur J. Schaefer, '20, of Cambridge, A. Edward Renquist, '03, of Rhode Island, Clifton H. Sears, '20 of Dennis, Ellsworth S. Wilkins, '17, of Dorchester, and Thomas L. Unwin, '20, of Malden.

The Alumni Fund was reported to be \$3475, a gain of \$350 for the year. A resolution on the death of Melvin O. Adams, a member of the Board of Managers, was adopted.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, James H. Graham, '77, of Boston, Vice President, Henry A. Fox, '79, of Allston, Vice President, Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, of Cambridge, Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '99, of Mattapan, Treasurer, Richard Bell '73, Historian, Howard F. Lochrie, '16, West Roxbury.

Mr. Bradley was present and the following members attended:

Alcott, William	Emery, Claire R.
Bell, Richard	Foster, Walter B.
Blakeley, Frederick F.	Gilbert, Ralph H.
Buchan, George	Graham, James H.
Capaul, Edward	Howard, Otis M.
Cobb, Lawrence M.	Lochrie, Howard F.
Darling, Norman W.	Loud, Clarence W.
Davis, William F.	Malm, Alfred C.
Duncan, Charles	Milne, Theodore
Ellis, Merton P.	Moore, Edward A.

Morrison, William P.	Robinson, Joseph C.
Moss, Norman	Sargent, John M.
Pendergast, Joseph L.	Schaefer, Arthur J.
riggs, George R.	Unwin, Thomas L.

The 15th annual dinner of the Alumni Association was held on Jan. 12, at the Hotel Bellevue, and in point of attendance, both of members of the Association and of the Board of Managers, and in general sociability, it proved to be one of the happiest occasions in the history of the Association. President James H. Graham escorted President Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers to the dinner, and gave him the place of honor at his right and Secretary Merton P. Ellis escorted Superintendent Charles H. Bradley. Other members of the Board of Managers were escorted by members of the Alumni Association as follows:

Karl Adams by Alfred C. Malm, George L. DeBlois by Clarence W. Loud, Robert H. Gardiner, Jr., by Charles Duncan, Dr. Henry Jackson by Solomon B. Holman, Charles E. Mason by Walter B. Foster, Philip S. Sears by Alden B. Hefler, and Ralph B. Williams by Thomas J. Evans.

With the exception of the head table, which was quite large, the party was set around a number of small tables, which greatly added to the social spirit of the hour. President Graham spoke interestingly of the progress of the school since his school days in the '70s. President Adams and Superintendent Bradley spoke of school needs and purposes. Others who were called upon for remarks were Arthur D. Fearing, Alden B. Hefler and William F. Davis.

Following is the list of those who attended the dinner:

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Entered November 23, 1903, at Boston, Mass. as Second-class matter, under Act of Congress of July 16, 1874.

### Printing Office Equipment

Among the various educational advantages offered here at the School, is our well equipped printing office. The printing office is in the first floor of Gardner Hall and is 34 feet 7 inches long, 13 feet 6 inches wide, and 10 feet high. At one end of the room are two presses. One of them is a Colts Armory Universal, this is the largest press and the one on which the Beacon is printed, and other jobs that are too large in size for the small press. This press takes a form 14 x 22 inches and will print 1500 impressions an hour at full speed, 1000 on half, and 600 on low. The other press is a Ben Franklin Gordon job press and is much smaller, handling small jobs such as cards, envelopes, etc. This press takes a form 8 x 12 inches and will print 2500 impressions an hour at full speed, 1500 an hour on middle, and 1200 on low. These two presses are run from a shaft, the power being supplied by a two horse power electric motor. Should an emergency arise there is a five horse power gasoline engine that could take the place of the electric motor.

In the center of the room is a proof press. This is used to take proofs of the Beacon before it is "locked up." The type is laid on the press in a galley and inked by a brayer. The paper is then dampened and laid over the type. A heavy iron roller with a piece of felt around it is rolled over the paper, thus taking the impression.

Also in the center of the room next to the proof press is the stitcher. This machine can do both saddle and flat work. The thickness of the stitch is regulated by turning a wheel in the back of the machine until a clamp strikes the work. By stepping on a lever with the foot the machine is set in motion and will take one stitch at short intervals.

The paper cutter plays an important part in our work. It is a 26 inch Oswego cutter. The paper when placed under the knife is clamped down by a wheel that is operated from the top of the machine, this being necessary so that the paper will not move while being cut. A lever which carries the blade is drawn downwards and cuts the paper. We buy most of our paper cut to 17 x 22 inches as this is a convenient size to handle.

Another interesting machine is the Sterling. This machine is operated by pressing on a treadle with the foot. There are different sets that can be attached to the Sterling, making it a very useful machine. One of the most used attachments is the puncher. It can punch holes from one eighth of an inch to three eighths of an inch. Eyeleting can also be done with this attachment. Another attachment is for round cornering cards, etc., and still another for perforating.

We have a good assortment of type faces. The most used is the 10 point Cushing, which is the body of the Beacon and the 10 point

Bradley used for the headings. There are many other faces such as the Copperplate Gothic series running from six point number 21 to 24 point number 30, the Jenson Series, DeVinne Series and others. Running along the center of the room are four single stands with compartments for 12 cases in each stand. The Cushing cases and a few others are kept in this stand. The rest of the type is kept in Yankee job cases in a special bench at the end of the room.

A good supply of paper is kept on hand. This is kept in racks running along the side of the room. We have a good assortment of paper; the most used is Warrens Library Text, on which the Beacon is printed. Among other kinds we have Old Hampshire Bond, Municipal Ledger, Excelsior Mills, etc.

With this equipment we are able to do the School's printing, including the Beacon, and some outside work.

I think that the Printing Office is the best place on our Island to learn to be quick and accurate. I like this work very much and I know it will help me to know about it.

IVERS E. WINMILL

### Washington's Birthday

February 22, this year came on Tuesday. The boys did the regular work. When it was finished, some started shoveling snow by the flagpole, where there was to be a snow fight in the afternoon. There were two trenches dug about 10 feet wide and 160 feet long and run parallel with each other about 120 feet apart; these trenches were to be the forts. Bags were placed half way between the two forts. The object of the game was for one side to rush out and capture the bags and bring them into their opponents' fort and keep them there till the end of the period. There was plenty of face washing and throwing snowballs so it was no easy task to keep a bag in the fort after you got it there. There were four periods of ten minutes each, with about two minutes' rest in between. The game was very

lively and ended with the Blues ahead, the score being 360 to 200.

The victors then formed in line and with part of the band in the lead, marched around to the Stock Room where the trophy was presented, which consisted of bananas, and mixed cookies. The procession then marched around the building and after giving three cheers for the losing side we went up to the Gymnasium where the trophy was divided. The officers of the losing side were invited. After disposing of the eatables, cheers were given for Manager George L. DeBlois, who was visiting; and for Mr. Bradley. In the evening there was dancing for those that wished to go. This ended a very successful day.

ROBERT F. THOMPSON

### Cleaning Grain Rooms

One morning I was told to straighten up the north and south grain rooms in the Stock Barn. First I got a broom and went up in the north grain room, and after arranging the bags of grain, I swept the floor and then I worked in the south grain room for the rest of the morning. In the south grain room I sorted some empty bags. I took the bags of grain that were behind the door out into the middle of the room. Next, I swept behind the door where the grain was and then put the grain back there. I gathered up the good grain and put it in a bag. After that I swept the floor.

LEANDER E. DOREY

### An Entertainment

On March 8 when we came out from dinner, Mr. Brown told us there was to be an entertainment that evening. He told us the band would play, so everybody in the regular band went down to the band hall to prepare for what selections we were to play. After supper we shined our instruments and took them to the Assembly Hall where the entertainment was to be given. At 7:30 we changed our clothes and went to the hall. The band started the programme by playing a few

selections. Then Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Bradley's niece, sang. We enjoyed her singing very much especially the song entitled "Some little bug will get you, if you don't watch out." It was very funny. Then she recited some poetry and told some stories, after which she sang "The Americans have come." This concluded the programme. Afterwards dancing was enjoyed by all those that wanted to stay.

CLARENCE H. COLBURN

### Mr. Bradley's Birthday

Sunday, February 13, was Mr. Bradley's birthday but we celebrated it on Saturday. The banquet was held in the boys' dining-room. Long tables were erected along the sides, and eastern end of the room. In the middle was a table for Mr. Bradley, and his friends. There were beautiful bouquets of flowers on the tables, and a souvenir beside each place. Three boys acted as waiters. The instructors had various places at the tables. At 6:30 P. M we marched into the dining room and sat down, and after Mr. Bradley had said a few words we began to eat.

About the middle of the meal, the lights were switched off, and Mr. Bradley's birthday cake, lighted by candles, was brought in. After Mr. Bradley had thanked us for the cake, Howard B. Ellis a graduate, and band instructor, arose, and presented Mr. Bradley with a handsome bouquet of flowers in a cut glass vase from the instructors. About 8:00 we arose and marched out. The dinner consisted of:

Cold Ham	Grapefruit	Potato Salad
Cake	Rolls	Ice Cream
	Coffee	

After the banquet, 48 boys took kerosene torches, and had a torchlight procession, afterwards serenading Mr. Bradley. At about 9:00 P. M. we filed to the Assembly Hall where an entertainment from town, provided by Mr. Bradley, was given. This consisted of musical numbers by Signor Pietro Mordeglio who played a piano accordian which we liked very much, also humorous pieces by Mr. Clark, and a piano accompanist.

Before the dancing began a boy dressed as a messenger boy came in calling for Mr. Bradley, and presented him with a gift. Messenger boy followed messenger boy, and Mr. Bradley had quite an accumulation of presents, including two mahogany tabourets presented him by the sloyd room and shop. The musicians played for dancing afterwards, and helped made a good ending for a very merry evening.

We had a fine time and wish Mr. Bradley many more happy birthdays.

CYRUS W. DURGIN

### A Memory Selection

The members of the first class have memorized a portion of a speech made by Vice-President elect Calvin Coolidge at Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 1, 1919. The selection is as follows:

"Happily the day of the call to fight or die is now past. But the day when it is the duty of all Americans to work will remain forever. Our great need now is more of everything, for everybody. It is not money that the nation or the world needs today, but the products of labor. These products are to be secured only through the united efforts of the entire people. The trained business man and the humblest workman must each contribute. All of us must work and in that work there should be no interruption."

"There must be more food, more clothing, more shelter. The directors of industry must direct it more efficiently, the workers of industry must work in it more efficiently. Such a course saved us in war, only such a course can preserve us in peace. The power to preserve America, with all that it now means to the world, all the great hope that it holds for humanity, lies in the hands of the people. Talents and opportunity exist. Application only, is uncertain. May Labor Day declare with an increased emphasis the resolution of all Americans to work for America."

RALPH MACC. ROGERS

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Mr. Thomas A. Edison has said that the average person's brain does not observe one thousandth part of what the eye observes. The brain simply does not register the things which come before the eye. The brain, like any other member of the body, will become useless by disuse, and the only exercise for it is thinking or reasoning. Mr. Edison goes further and places the blame for this tragic lack in education on the teachers and authorities of schools and colleges. There is too much rote learning and theory without the practical work.

Mr. Edison has voiced the opinion which seems to be becoming generally felt by educators, and, in fact, it was to overcome just such a lack that the founders of The Farm and Trades School arranged a system which has proved efficient for so many years. Here the practical goes hand in hand with the text-book and school room work. Yet, any system however perfect must have forethought and push back of it. With a half day in the school-room and a half day of work we find many problems to solve outside of mathematics. Every problem carefully thought out and successfully solved, every difficulty cheerfully surmounted, adds so much brain power.

Whether it is painting a cottage, feeding wild ducks, planing a piece of wood, forging a bolt, baking bread, scrubbing a floor, or mending a coat, judgment must be exercised if it is to be well done. Good judgment is acquired by experience in thinking and doing things.

We do not long remain acquainted with physical laziness at The Farm and Trades School, and we equally dislike its boon companion, mental laziness. It is work to think, to reason or puzzle out knotty problems, which arise each day. The temporary reward is their perfect solution, but we agree with Mr. Edison

that the great reward lies in development of brain power. A keen mind trained in right thinking is the greatest gift any man can bestow on his generation. In fact, it is all that distinguishes one person from his fellows. But for concentration of mind, this generation would never have known Thomas Edison, Alexander G. Bell, or Marconi. In that case we might be without electric lights, phonographs, telephones, wireless and other inventions which have revolutionized our world. What progress the world might make if every individual trained himself to use his brain to its fullest capacity!

The aim of education is to produce a self-reliant person whose three-fold nature, mental, moral and physical, is well-balanced with self control. True the means employed lie in the hands of educators to a large extent. The root word of education, *educo*, means to draw out. Sometimes we think leaders a better word for educators than teachers, for we really develop the embryo man rather than fill him with facts. To use the words of another, we aim to reveal him to himself, that he may become adapted to live in his particular world.

Someone has said there is no expedient to which a man will not resort to avoid the real labor of thinking. We shall be happy indeed when, instead, we hear the majority say there is no greater joy to be found in the world than the labor of thinking. True, we can't all think the thoughts of an Edison, Bell, or a Marconi, but we can give our best effort and concentration to our line of work, thus helping the progress of the world.

### Calendar

Feb. 1 Man from insurance company here inspecting boilers.

Feb. 2 Killed cow number 150, weighing 463 lbs.

Feb. 7 Man here putting addressograph in order.

Feb. 9 Set up horse power to exercise the bull, *Golden Secret's Memento*.

Twenty-two boys and six instructors went to White Church, in Dorchester to hear a concert given by the band there, conducted by graduate Howard B. Ellis.

Feb. 12 Birthday party for Mr. Bradley in the evening.

Supper for all in boys' dining-room. Torchlight procession by 50 boys. Entertainment afterwards, in the Assembly Hall, by Herbert A. Clark, impersonator; Signo Pietro Mordegli, piano accordian, player, with piano accompanist. A number of gifts presented to Mr. Bradley. The evening ended with dancing.

Feb. 13 Mr. Bemis showed slides he had made from pictures of the activities on the Island.

Feb. 16 Putting wire around young trees.

Feb. 17 Admission Meeting. The following boys were admitted: John Albert Arkerson, Alexander Young Davison, Norman Tobey Howes, Seymour Calvin McFadyen, Ralph Irving Swan, Irving Eugene Thomas, and Stanley Barker Willmore.

Donald W. Ellis, '20, came to spend a few days at the School.

Pruning young oaks.

Feb. 18 Cleaning beach. Finished pruning oaks.

Feb. 19 Drawing seaweed to the incinerator.

Feb. 22 Snow-ball battle between the Blue, with captain Daniel E. Smith, and the Gold, with captain, Luke W. B. Halfyard. The battle won by the Blue.

Manager George L. DeBlois here, also graduates Merton P. Ellis, '97. George Buchan, '97, John M. Marshall, '98, and wife, and Fred H. Fleet, ex '21.

Feb. 24 Entertainment in the evening given by Gordon Bible students, through the

kindness of Mr. Bonny.

Dressed hog weighing 270 pounds.

Feb. 25 Dr. Dyer, from the Board of Health, here to examine animals and their housing conditions. He pronounced all to be in good condition.

Sorting potatoes and carrots at Root Cellar.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(As KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

Feb. 10 It being my 46 birthday, gave the boys play and a general good time. Gave them roast veal, pumpkin pie, cakes and corn balls.

Feb. 17 Mr. (E. W.) Kinsley gave a very interesting account of his recent trip to California over the Pacific R. R., illustrating his narrative with numerous and beautiful views.

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### The Dorchester Band

On February 9, twenty-two of the boys who play in our band were invited to attend a band concert in Dorchester. The concert was given by the Boys' Band of the Second Congregational Church. Mr. Ellis, our band instructor, is also instructor of this band. The programme opened with the march Alamo. When the band was rest-

ing, one of the boys presented a baton to Mr. Ellis in behalf of the boys who had just been playing. The concert closed with the Star Spangled Banner. We enjoyed the trip and music very much.

ERIC O. SCHIPPERS

### An Entertainment

On Thursday, February 24, Mr. Bonny, our minister, brought some of his friends here who entertained us in the Assembly Hall. They were students from the Gordon Bible College, where he attends school. The programme consisted of solos, quartettes and speaking. One of the students played some pieces on the piano and the boys joined in and sang pieces.

We went to bed after enjoying a very pleasant evening, and we thank the students and Mr. Bonny for giving us such a good time.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

### pictures of Lincoln

In the first school room there are four pictures about Lincoln. One of them is a picture of his birthplace. It is a little log cabin with a great wide chimney, a small window, and a door. The next two are of himself. One was taken when he was a lawyer and the other when he was President. The last one is entitled, "The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation." In this he was seated with his cabinet. These pictures help us to learn about this great man and I like them very much.

CHARLES N. ROBBINS

### Mr. Yucide

One Saturday Mr. Bonny our minister, brought Mr. Yucide, one of his friends with him. Mr. Yucide was born in Central India, and was brought up a Mohammedan. He came to this country a short time ago and is studying the Gospel. The story of his life was very interesting. He was dressed in the garb that is worn by the Indians of Central India. We enjoyed his visit and hope he may come again.

FRANK N. ROBBINS

## Sports

When the afternoon dining room and kitchen boys get their work done they play basket ball. There are two captains and they chose for their men. After all the men are chosen we start to play. In real games we play according to time, but in the little make up games we don't. When there is enough snow we go coasting. Sometimes we go skating over on the west side. First graders may go on any day, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday second graders cannot go, third graders can only go on Saturday and fourth graders cannot go at all. When five o'clock comes we return to the kitchen or dining room to work. JAMES H. BEATTIE

## Ratting

One afternoon when I finished my work in the dining room, another boy and myself went ratting with the dogs. We went over to the North End where we got three rats, two out of one hole and one out of another. The one that was by himself was a big one. It took us quite a while to dig him out. The dogs fought to see which one would catch it. Del won anyway. In the scrimmage Del bit Deuce and Deuce went around the field barking; finally I caught Deuce and the other boy caught Del and we got them back to friendship again. Then we went up to the house.

GUNNAR E. ANDERSON

## The Dishwasher

Our dishwasher is a Blakeslee washer. It has two compartments, one for the washing and one for rinsing. There are seven baskets that the dishes are put into while being washed. There is a one horse power motor that makes a paddle wheel go around which throws the water over on the dishes. The baskets are left in the soapy water about two minutes; they are then hoisted out and lowered into the boiling hot rinsing water. After they are well rinsed they are hoisted out and wiped dry. I like to run the dishwasher better than washing the dishes by hand.

GEORGE L. LANGILL

## Making Lantern Slides

Tuesday night I had the privilege of helping to make some lantern slides. The developing solution was first mixed; this consisted of hydrochinon powders. Then a fixing bath was prepared of Eastman granulated hypo. When the trays containing the formulas were ready, they were laid in a row in this order: first the developer, then a tray of clear water for rinsing and then the fixing bath.

When all was ready the negatives to be made into a slide were first put into a frame under a mask, this mask giving the desired size of picture. It was then exposed to a forty watt mazda lamp at the distance of six feet, the length of time varying with the density of the negative. It was then taken out of the frame and put into the developer; we slide it in very quickly so as to start the developer equally over all parts of the plates. After a few seconds the faintest outline was visible, and gradually increased until the plate was sufficiently developed. It was quickly taken out of this solution and washed in clear water and then immersed in the fixing bath which turned the emulsion from a milky shade to black. After remaining in the fixing bath for five or ten minutes, it was put in still another tray where clear water was running. This was to wash the plate. It was sponged with a piece of cotton and put it in a cool place to dry.

When the plates were dry they were masked and bound with a piece of clear glass on the emulsion side of the plate, so as to prevent scratches or finger marks marring the picture. These pictures are shown to the boys, who enjoy them.

CHARLES D. SMITH

## Heard in the School Room

A denounce number is a concrete number that expresses action.

A compound number is a denounce number that expresses thought.

An archipelago is some kind of an animal.

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The Alumni Fund Committee, under date of Feb. 12, 1921, sent out a circular appeal to all members of the association, asking for gifts to the alumni fund, payable to Richard Bell, Treasurer, 53 Richfield Street, Dorchester, before June 13 next.

RICHARD BELL, '73, for many years general superintendent of the Boston factory of the Walter M. Lowney Company, was honored at

the Lowney Forum on Jan. 10, in recognition of his faithful service with the company, which began in 1883. The decorations were of bells, the menu card was in the form of a bell, and an original song on "Bells," was sung by the entire gathering. On Friday evening, Jan. 28, Mr. Bell was again the guest of more than 100 of his fellow employees, at a farewell dinner. As a tribute to his many years of faithful service he was presented with a handsome mahogany desk and chair. Walter H. Belcher, vice president of the Walter M. Lowney Company, was toastmaster, and paid high tribute to Mr. Bell's many years of faithful service. Mr. Bell entered the employ of the Walter M. Lowney Company as an engineer in 1883, and became successively superintendent and general superintendent of the great factory on Commercial and Hanover streets, Boston.

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CHARLES T. SIMPSON '53, a veteran of the Civil War, died at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea, on Nov. 17, at the age of 81 years. He had lived most of his life, since leaving the school, in Dorchester, where he was engaged in the teaming business. He had been at the Soldiers Home about 18 months. He had planned to attend the reception to the returned war veterans at the School in July, 1919, but ill health prevented.

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ROYAL R. ELLISON, '11, has written recently, giving a few facts concerning himself. Roy is working at printing, for the McGrath Sherrill Press, 270 Congress Street, the same people he went to work for when he left the School. He has two children, a girl five years old, and a boy two. Roy's address is 62 Walnut Street, Everett, Mass.

# THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON

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## Easter Concert

Easter at The Farm and Trades School is never forgotten. This year as usual we had an Easter Concert in which a number of boys took part. The decorations were different than we have had before and made the Chapel beautiful. Flowers, plants and birds, together with the singing and speaking, made the time pleasant and cheerful.

The choir consisted of 26 boys. Some boys recited pieces and exercises, while others sang and played on instruments. It took about an hour and a half to go through the programme, but the minutes went too fast, because the room was full of fragrant odors and with the birds singing we could not help thinking of the glorious springtime. The programme is as follows:

Song	Happy Dawn	
	Choir	
Responsive Reading		
	Kenneth E. Kearns	
Prayer	Mr. Bonny	
Quartette	Easter Is His Sign	
Robert J. Buchanan, Wa'do E. Libby,	Walter H. Curtis, Paul F. Reid	
Recitation	An Easter Carol	
	Gunnar E. Anderson	
Song	Springtime Skies	
	Choir	
Recitation	At Easter Time	
James H. Beattie,	William R. Holman,	

James E. Hughes,	Raymond Thomas
Recitation	Why the Robins' Breast is Red
	Robert L. McAlister
Cornet Duet	Easter
	Waldo E. Libby, Eric O. Schippers, Clifton E. Albee
Recitation	There Is a Green Hill Far Away
	Alton B. Butler
Song	Through the Early Light
	Choir
Recitation	Night before the Dawn
Recitation	Mary
	Kenneth E. Kearns
Song	Come with a Song
	Choir
Recitation	School Days
	George L. Langill
Song	Songs of Victory
	Choir
Recitation	The Chambered Nautilus
	Howard E. Keith
Duet	The Palms
	Malcolm E. Cameron, Waldo E. Libby
Recitation	Polonius' Advice to His Son
	David E. Long
Song	The Meaning of Easter
	John M. Levis
Recitation	Life, I know not what thou art
	Clifton E. Albee
Recitation	Jesus, Tender Shepard
	Henry E. Gilchrist
Song	Joy
	Choir

Trombone Duet	Spring is Here
Daniel E. Smith and John Goodhue, Jr.	
Recitation	Crossing the Bar
Barton N. Slade	
Quartette	I am He that Liveth
John M. Levis, Waldo E. Libby,	
Albert A. Peterson, Samuel L. Whitehead	
Recitation	Recessional
Ralph S. Blake, Seymour C. McFadyen,	
Kenneth A. Priest, Robert F. Thompson	
Song	A Carol of Praise
Choir	
Remarks	
Mr. Bradley	
RICHARD H. HANSON	

### The Easter Chickens

After Easter, the chickens, which were in the front of the chapel on Easter Sunday, were sent to my care in the East Basement, where they are warm and comfortable.

Every morning as soon as I come down I get fresh water for them and give them some more feed. Once every week I change the sand and chaff in the box. The sand helps to strengthen their legs, and the chaff makes a comfortable bed.

The little things like to doze in the sun; so, when the sun pours in the door, I put the chickens in the light where they huddle together and sleep.

The chicks are growing fast and soon they will go down to the poultry house with the older chickens. They need hard ground to scratch in and will grow fast and strong there, and, some day, when I go to the poultry house, I shall see them as hens. BARTON N. SLADE

### Drawing Stones

Lately I have been drawing stones from the ground that is being harrowed at North End. I draw them to the South End and dump them in the road, to fill up the holes. This puts the ground in better condition for planting.

JOHN H. SCHIPPERS

### Playing Marbles

Most of the boys play marbles. We call marbles dogs for short. This year each boy received ten dogs and a glassie. At the end of the season the best players have a lot of dogs. The game we play the most is ringsies; sometimes we pop at a glassie. Once in a while there will be a few boys in partnership, and there are times when the partners will have most of the marbles in the School. Then they will scramble them. If we are seen playing marbles down on our knees the privilege of playing is taken away.

HERBERT E. WRIGHT

### Drawing

Most of my play time I use for drawing which I enjoy very much.

One day when I was going down town with my mother, when I was about five years old, I saw a canvas covering over a window. I asked her why the canvas was there, and she told me it was there because the artist did not want everyone to see his drawing. When I found there was an artist there, I asked her to take me in so I could watch him draw a few pictures. After awhile she did so, and I watched him with eager eyes. My mother came back and took me home. After supper I got some paper and a pencil and tried to do the same with some pictures. Since then I have been drawing every minute I can get. I have learned many things by keeping at it and I hope to spend my life in some field where I can make pictures with pen or pencil.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

### Waxing the Office Floor

After we scrub the office floor we put on wax. I put this wax on with a cloth. After this is dry I take a weight which is made of a good sized brush with a piece of iron on it, to which is attached a long handle. I rub the floor with the weight across the grain of the wood, then I polish the floor with a cloth. JOHN M. LEVIS

## A Minstrel Show

On Friday March 25, a sign was put on the bulletin board in the assembly room, on which was a big question mark and under it was printed in big letters, "Who are these Midnight Revelers?"

That night everybody was happy. We put on our uniforms and went to the Assembly Hall. There was a red curtain all the way across the room and there were foot-lights in front of it. After the programmes were given out, the lights were all turned out except the foot-lights. When the curtain began to rise everybody in the show began to sing.

First we saw their feet dressed in white shoes and brown stockings and finally their black faces and their hands in white gloves.

The programme was in two parts. The first part consisted of singing by the circle and solos by its members. Jokes were given too. Mr. Brown in an evening suit was the interlocutor. Part two consisted of dances, magic tricks and impersonations. It was very enjoyable and we all liked it.

The programme was as follows:

### PART ONE

OPENING WITH A MEDLEY OVERTURE BY ENTIRE COMPANY  
CIRCLE

Mr. C. F. Brown - Interlocutor

Kenneth L. Drown	Aldevin A. Lammi
Richard H. Hanson	Malcolm E. Cameron
Barton N. Slade	Albert A. Peterson
John M. Levis	Kenneth E. Kearns
Waldo E. Libby Anthracite	Stanley W. Higgens Midnight
Osmond W. Bursiel Snowball	Leo S. Whitehead Lightning
Mr. E. C. Bemis	Mr. C. W. Roundy

### MUSICAL NUMBERS

Now I lay me Down to Sleep	"Lightning"
Missin' Mammie's Kissin'	"Snowball"
Honey, yo' stay in yo' own Back Yard	"Anthracite"
Wonderful Boy	"Snowball"
Don't take away those Blues	"Lightning"
I Like the Fat Boys	"Liza Jane"
FINALE	Entire Company

### PART TWO

MONOLOGUE "DARK STUFF"	A Midnight Roundy"
BLACK MAGIC	Kishi Kahib
THE JIM JAM JIG	The Chocolate Jiggers
COMEDY	Bernstein and Firestein
A Sketch from the West End	
'LASSES CAKE WALK	Cinda Black and Sam Moonshine
GRAND FINALE	
Entire Company	
CLARENCE H. COLBURN	

## "Cinda Black"

Samuel Whitehead and I were chosen to do a cakewalk in the Minstrel Show. Mrs. Jackson drilled us in the Assembly Hall every noon and night hour. She told us to step high and be sort of fancy. I was to puff myself up and bow very low by bringing my right foot away back and bending down on my left knee.

Whitehead's name was to be "Sam Moonshine" and mine was to be "Cinda Black". At the rehearsal Whitehead carried a derby and cane and was very solemn and comical. The music was a fox trot and a snappy one.

The night before the show we had a dress rehearsal. The next night we were blacked and had the finishing touches put on to our customs. Whitehead had a dress suit and he looked pretty good. I had a pink dress with a blue sash, blue stockings and a wig with curls tied with blue bows. Poor Waldo E. Libby was now a girl.

WALDO E. LIBBY

## Brushing Uniforms

One day during vacation another boy and I were told to get all the old uniforms out and brush them, so the moths wouldn't eat them. Some were very dusty. We took tables from the east basement and put them in a sunny spot yet keeping them out of the wind. Next, two loads of uniforms were brought out. The other boy brushed while I folded. Then they were put away. The next load I brushed while the other boy folded. We were doing the last uniform when the bell rang.

GEORGE A. ADAMS

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The Easter Concert has come and gone, but the memory of it remains firmly fixed in our minds. The message of Easter Sunday was vividly given to us in song, recitation, music, and in the fragrance of beautiful flowers and the chirping of young birds. It was the message of hope, cheer and of life.

What a dark world it would be if there were no Easter, for it would mean no Christianity, the light of which has cheered millions of souls. However, we may brush aside that thought, and rejoice that we have Easter, and that it comes at the time when nature is budding forth into leaves and flowers, and the very air we breathe is filled with the whisperings of new life.

If, however, our island home suddenly were planted in Sydney, Australia, nature would present a very different outlook. The leaves would be falling, instead of budding at Easter-tide. The grain would be yellow, ready for the harvester, instead of just green little shoots. Yet no matter how changed the aspects of nature, the message of Easter would remain the same happy and hopeful one.

At this season of the year there comes to us a feeling of happiness and contentment that is due not only to the message of Easter, but to the season of awakening which it represents. Spring brings us new interests and we look forward eagerly to the pleasures and activities of the summer to come. Many remember seeing the bees, that were out the Sunday before Easter, how they flew in and out of the open windows, and into the cottages of Cottage Row. They reminded us that the winter has passed and that soon would come the long warm days, with their lingering twilight that makes a glorious close to a perfect summer's day. Some of us are looking forward to Friends' Day, and to

games of baseball, and so we have among us the happy spirit of contentment. But, when we think of it, the roots of our present contentment lie in the pleasant times we have had all through the winter. True contentment is a priceless jewel that adds to the dignity of any boy or man. Because it is something worth while, there are many imitations. Beware of them. There is no such thing as inactivity, laziness, or loafing in real contentment.

The Apostle Paul was a very ardent worker, and one of the great thinkers of his day. He said "I have learned, in whatsoever I am, therewith to be content." According to his experience in life, he found that contentment does not depend upon what we have. Remember this, a tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too little for Alexander.

I do not think we shall make any mistakes, such as taking an imitation for honest contentment, if we hold to what Dr. Davison told us a few Sundays ago. He said this in brief: "To be the very best we can, is a duty we owe to ourselves, to others, and to our Maker."

### Calendar

March 1 Cleaning up sorting ground and Incinerator.

March 4 Dressed hog weighing 287 lbs.

March 5 Manager Walter B. Foster with Mr. Lester M. Lane of Hingham visited the School.

Received two leghorn roosters.

March 6 An entertainment consisting of songs and readings by Mrs. Ila Niles Jackson of Morrisville, Vermont, with selections by the band, given in the evening.

March 7 Butchered cow number 116 for beef; weight 429 lbs.

Cleaned by beach.

March 9 Digging up old apple trees.

An oil painting "Flying Fish" presented to

the School by Vice-President Charles E. Mason.

March 10 Sawed posts for grape vines. Worked on strawberry bed.

March 11 Burning grass west from Main Building. Working on East Side tide gate.

March 12 Blacksmith here shoeing the horses.

March 13 Sunday. William A. Davison, D. D., of Burlington, Vermont, visited the School and spoke to the boys in the afternoon, also spoke briefly in the evening.

Mr. Bonney in the evening showed slides illustrating "Pilgrim's Progress" and told the story of same.

March 14 Charles W. Russell, ex '02, here working on "Pilgrim".

Plowed southwest of Farm House. Sowed lettuce and radish in hot bed. Set posts for grape vines. Dug ditch at East Side tide gate.

March 15 Man here to examine and put in repair the steam engine in Power House.

Drew banking from Farm House; sorting seed potatoes. Dressed pig, weighing 182 lbs. Cleaning ditches at South End; raking strawberry beds; pruning trees in nursery.

March 16 President Arthur Adams visited the School.

Man here to finish work on the engine in Power House.

Charles W. Russell, ex. '02, here for a short time.

March 17 Ditching at South End. Repairing roads and pruning grape vines.

March 18 Plowed southwest of Farm House. Burned grass at South End. Worked on East Side tide gate. Cultivated asparagus.

Minstrel show in the evening given by several instructors and twelve boys.

March 19 Burned grass on East Side, near tide gate. Culled weeds in corn field. Plowed southwest of Farm House.

March 21 Sowed tomatoes in hot bed. Digging ditches at South End. Cleaned ditches near East Side tide gate.

March 22 Killed a pig weighing 252 lbs. Plowing southwest of Farm House. Cultivated raspberries.

March 23 Supply of soft coal for the year arrived, and unloading began.

March 25 Finished unloading coal.

Prof. Raymond McFarland of Saxton River Academy, Vermont, and Mr. Wallace S. Fowler of Roslindale visited the School.

March 27 Easter Concert held in the afternoon.

March 28 Butchered cow number 147 for beef, weighing 396 lbs. Sowed tomatoes and celery in hot bed.

March 29 Cultivated the raspberries and rhubarb.

March 30 Two men here taking notes and pictures of School activities for an article to appear in the Sunday Herald.

Rolled field south of strawberry bed.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1870

(AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT)

March 13 The worst snow-storm of the season, continuing all day and until midnight, the wind blowing furiously.

March 14 A lovely day after the furious storm.

March 16 A severe storm of sleet all day.

March 18 Another snow-storm all day, clearing off at night.

March 20 A mild beautiful day.

March 27 Wind east and blowing hard all day with rain in P. M.

March 30 A very fine day. The School Committee came to examine the School. A most satisfactory examination.

### March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 80° on the 21st.

Minimum Temperature 23° on the 4th.

Mean Temperature for the month 45°.

Total precipitation .89 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .34 inches on the 24th and 25th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1921	\$887.33
Deposited during the month	51.13
	\$938.46
Withdrawn during the month	88.51
Cash on hand April 1, 1921	\$849.95

### Bird Inspecting

Every year inspectors for the Cottage Row sanitary division are appointed. This year I was chosen as a bird inspector. The duty of a bird inspector is to clean out all the bird boxes about the Island and repair those that need it. A bird inspector also has to destroy the eggs and nests of the sparrows, crows, purple grackles, and other harmful birds. This is done to keep the harmful birds from living on the Island. All this is to be done in the inspectors playtime. At the end of the year he hands in his record of time and results to the supervisor and is paid accordingly.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

### A Baseball Game

The baseball season has not yet begun but one Saturday afternoon some of the boys decided to have a game of baseball. Two of the boys chose up and all the boys who wanted to play were allowed to do so. When it came time to start the game it was found that there was nobody to umpire, so Mr. Bonney, our minister who was here offered to fill that position. Then the game started and it did not lack excitement for both pitchers were hit hard and only fast fielding held the score down. After playing about seven innings it became time to stop and get ready for supper. So, when the side last at bat had been put out, the score was counted and it was found that the side last at bat had won by the score of 11 to 9. We all went into supper feeling very hungry after a very enjoyable game.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

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"The true materialism is to be ashamed of what we are. To detect the flavor of an olive is no less a piece of human perfection, than to find beauty in the colors of the sunset."

### Goodhue and his Kite

John Goodhue made a box kite covered with brown paper. It stood about five feet high and two feet square. He had a large ball of string to fly it with and one Saturday afternoon he took it up to the playgrounds to fly it. When it was quite high it began to come down. It went up and came down four times. Then he flew it once more: and when it was very high in the air, the string broke and it glided out to sea and landed near the buoy that marks the channel.

HOWARD E. KEITH

### A Historical Oration

In the First Class we are learning historical orations. Each boy has been given one. When he has it learned so he can recite it before the class he gets one hundred percent for the whole week in English.

I have an oration to learn that was delivered by Samuel Adams at the State House, in Philadelphia in 1776; it is entitled American Independence. Samuel Adams was born in Boston in 1772. He was a student at Harvard College. After graduating he entered upon a business career. He was a delegate to the First Continental Congress, and the first man publicly to advocate American Independence. He was one of the framers of the State Constitution of Massachusetts. He afterward served for three terms as Governor of the State. He died in Boston in 1803. Samuel Adams was sometimes called "The Father of the Revolution."

ROBERT J. GIESE

### Taking a Trip to Church

Last Sunday, about nine o'clock I was told to get washed and go to the drawer room and change into my uniform. There also were a few more boys changing theirs. After that, we went to the the boys reading room and there were joined by an instructor and went down to the Wharf. We got aboard the steamer and rode to City Point. I had heard by this time that we were going to church. We went to Hawes

Unitarian Congregational Church, near Sixth Street on Broadway. The minister, Rev. Thomas M. Mark, gave a fine talk especially for us besides his sermon. The music was fine. I am sure we all enjoyed it very much. After church was over we went back to the Island on the steamer.

LEANDER E. DOREY

### My Pet Cow

There are 26 cows in the barn. I took one of these for a pet. She is number 89 and stands sixth up from the end of the barn. She is brown and white and her horns are cut off. She is the oldest cow among them all and has had three calves; one was killed, two are living. They are brown and white just like their mother; we call them Daisy and Brownie. Neither give milk but their mother is the best milker in the barn. Every morning when I come in the barn she looks to see if I am coming to her. If I am, she holds her head down so I can scratch it. I have other pets but I like her best of all.

KENNETH L. DROWN

### Getting Towels Ready

Every Saturday and Wednesday evenings the boys' towels are changed. The towels are taken off the hooks and are carried to the laundry by the washroom boys. They are placed in a washer, where they soak over night. In the morning, after being washed they are taken to the extractor which is a machine which extracts the water from them. It serves the same purpose as the wringer. They remain in this ten minutes. Next they are put in the dryer or tumbler for ten minutes where they are partly dried. When taken out they are shaken out on one of the tables. Then they are all ready for the flat worker which is a machine that irons and finishes drying them. From the laundry they go to the sewing room where they are mended, and renumbered if necessary. They are then delivered to the washroom boys who hang them on their respective hooks.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE

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LEON H. QUIMBY, '07, was written recently in regard to money which he had left in care of the School, and he has answered, giving a few details in regard to his doings since he went away. First, he went to work for his brother-in-law in Sanbornville, N. H., and went to high school in Milton. After one year in high school he went to work all the time in his brother-in-law's store. In the fall of 1911 he went to Dover, to work in the engine house and in June he began as fireman on the Boston and Maine railroad, and has continued in that work since. Leon is married and lives in Dover. He has a boy six years old. He has bought a house lot and this summer expects to build. He says he will use his money which the School is forwarding to him to help build his house "in memory of the four years I spent at the School."

SAMUEL WESTON, ex '07, writes us from Danville, Virginia. Sam says he has been doing concrete construction work for the past eight years and has been in a number of different places. He was married three years ago, and has been able to save quite a bit of money. He was in the army during the war, and was five months in France in the Ordnance Department. During the past year he has been in Danville, engaged in helping build a large concrete cotton mill, which has just been finished.

His address is 312 Floyd St., Danville, Virginia.

ALFRED W. JACOBS, '10, was married to Miss Helen Miller at The Old Meeting House in Hingham, Mass. on October 18, 1920, at 7:30 p. m.

HOWARD A. DELANO, '13, is now at Whitefield, Maine, address, care of Mrs. S. S. Bartlett.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '13, may be reached by the following address:

S. S. West Mahomet, Barber S. S. Lines,  
17 Battery Place, New York City.

CARL D. P. HYNES, '14, since leaving, has served six years in the navy. He says he has travelled almost around the world. In February he wrote from on board the U. S. S. Hancock where he was private secretary to Captain J. G. Church, but owing to illness of his wife, he has since then been transferred to shore duty, and is now teaching shorthand and typewriting at the U. S. Naval Training Station Yeoman School in Norfolk, Virginia. His address is 840—49th Street, Norfolk.

FORREST L. CHURCHILL, '15, has enlisted for three years in the Infantry Band. His address is 18th Infantry, Camp Dix, New Jersey.

WEBSTER S. GOULD, '19, is working for the Home National Bank in Milford, Mass. He says that he enjoys the work, and that he is getting on satisfactorily is evidenced by two increases in wages in the last year.

JOSEPH KERVIN, '20, is in the 5th Regiment 6th Company of Marines, now stationed at Quantico, Virginia, 42 miles from Washington, D. C. Joe expects his regiment will leave for Cuba in a few months, and go from there to California, also that he will be in the Parade on March 4, 1921.

ROBERT L. CLARK, ex '20, is in his second year in the Milton High School. This is the same school as that attended by Wesley C. Angell, '16, who is now a senior there. Robert lives with his mother on Hillside Street, Milton, Mass.







